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Belle Vernon Area	49
Southmoreland	0
Ringgold	31
Albert Gallatin	28
Elizabeth Forward	26
Laurel Highlands	7
Serra	45
California Area	13
Chartiers Valley	54
Yough	0
Frazier	34
Mapletown	14
Geibel	28
Bentworth	21

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■ Shirley A. Denney, 73, Leavenworth, Kan.

■ Leo A. Makovsky, 94, Fayette City (Gillespie)

■ Anna M. McGee, 91, Monessen

■ Shirley A. Denney, 73, Leavenworth, Kan.

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Today Mostly cloudy 71°

Tonight Mostly cloudy 54°

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Budget deal reached

Citing revenue concerns, Gov. Ed Rendell said he will veto the agreement.

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HARRISBURG – Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell vowed to veto a state budget agreement crafted by legislative leaders because he says it would create another deficit next year.

"This budget is not balanced for this year, and it's a billion dollars short for next year," Rendell said Friday in Pittsburgh.

"If they override it (a veto), they override it," Rendell said. "They pay the price next year when there's a billion (dollar) deficit."

Rendell says there's a need for more revenue. Pennsylvania faced a $3.25 billion deficit through June 30, when the last budget expired.

The proposed budget avoids increasing sales and income taxes, but hits smokers and some businesses and legalizes table games at casinos.

Legislative leaders made it clear they are moving ahead.

"Given the state of the economy, a lot of difficult choices had to be made in this budget," said Lt. Gov. Joe Scarnati, a Jefferson County Republican who also is Senate president pro tempore.

"However, we were able to come to an agreement that meets our core principles of no broad-based tax increases, a budget that spends less than last year and one that is sustainable."

Scarnati said he hoped Rendell would "see the wisdom in ending this stalemate. His words today of a veto are premature, and he should rethink the position he has taken."

House Appropriations Chairman Dwight Evans, D-Philadelphia,

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Flight 93 heroes legendary Americans

Thousands attended the memorial service in Somerset County.

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STONYCREEK TOWNSHIP – As thousands gathered Friday to honor the actions of 40 men and women eight years ago in the skies over Somerset County, they looked forward to a day two years from now when they hope a permanent testament to that courage and heroism will be in place.

On the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, family, friends and visitors expect to celebrate the opening of the Flight 93 National Memorial.

"The Flight 93 Memorial will soon stand as an eternal tribute," promised Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, whose department recently paved the way for acquisition of all the land needed to build the memorial.

"... The heroes of Flight 93 will live in the hearts and minds of our nation as a shining example of the endurance of the human spirit."

More than 4,100 people gathered near the Flight 93 crash site to commemorate the anniversary and to honor the passengers and crew, who fought back against terrorists and forced the airplane to crash in a field.

"Long will we lean on these 40 American patriots for strength," said former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, one of several speakers during the ceremony. "Long will we embrace the spirit of them for comfort, and long will we wrestle with the loss of them in the asking of 'Why?'"

Retired Gen. Tommy Franks, who along with Ridge is an honorary co-chairman of the effort to raise money for the permanent memorial, said the sacrifice made by the victims reflects the character of America.

"Their lives were not taken. Their lives were given," Franks said. "We remember them. We

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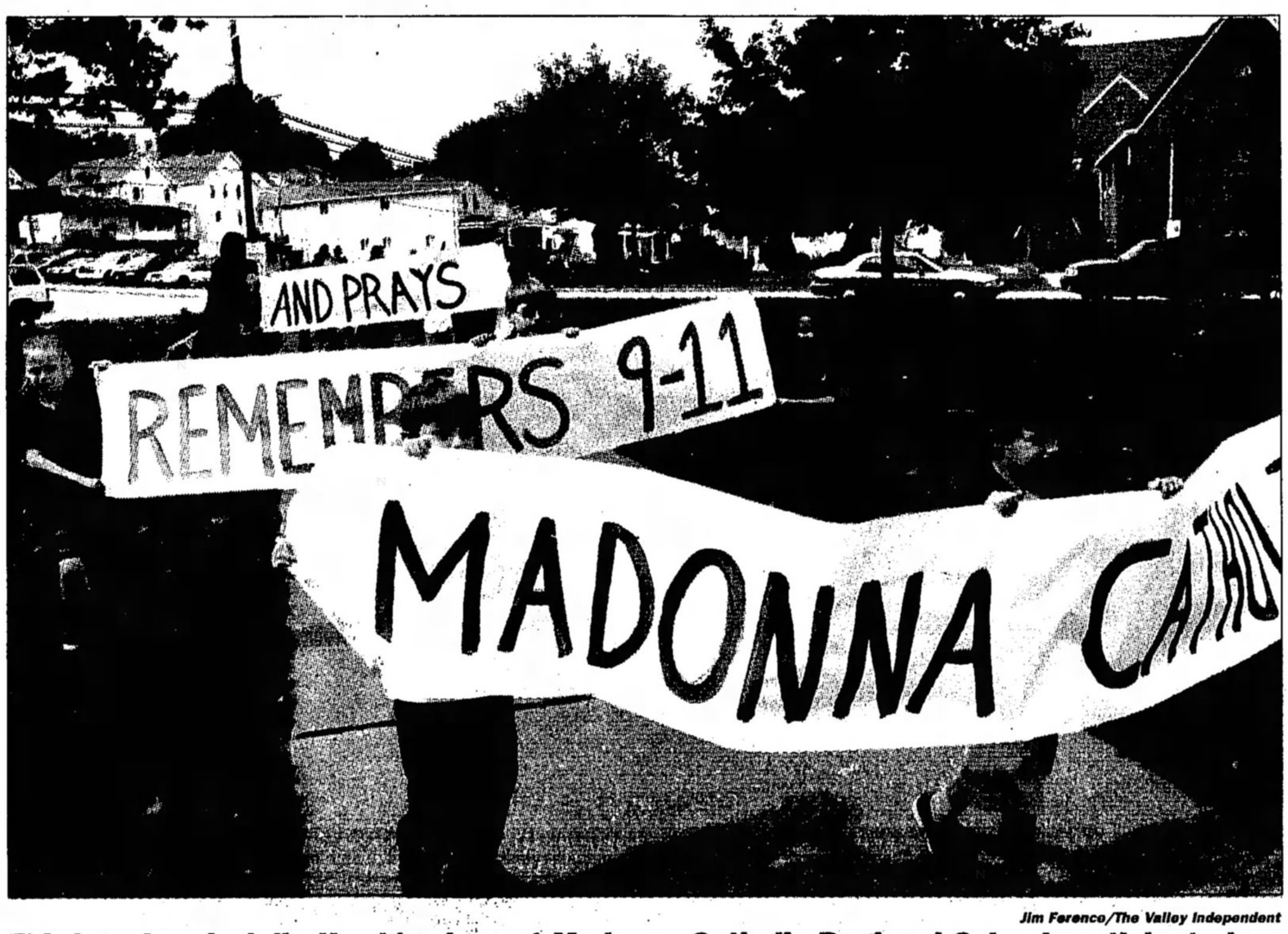

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Third-graders in Julie Hawk's class at Madonna Catholic Regional School participate in a memorial event to honor victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

Young Madonna students memorialize 9/11 victims

The terror attacks occurred before the elementary school children were born.

By JEFF PIKULSKY
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MONONGAHELA – Madonna Catholic Regional School Friday conducted a lunchtime 9/11 prayer service so students would not forget the magnitude of that infamous day.

The 80 children in kindergarten through grade three who gathered in the gazebo at Chess Park to pray had not been born when the terror attacks in New York City, at the Pentagon and in Shanksville forever changed the nation on Sept. 11, 2001.

The Rev. George Chortos, a Vietnam veteran, said it was important that the children not forget to reflect on what happened that fateful day.

"We're trying to impress upon them that, first of all, war is bad, and terrorism is bad," he said. "We've got to work our part for peace and try to bring this understanding to all people."

The children and teachers sang "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America."

They prayed and listened to a Bible reading while holding American flags.

After a moment of silence, the children, teachers and some parents shared a sign of peace, either by handshake or gesture.

A small group of students stood at the curb along Main Street showing passing vehicles painted signs that read "Madonna Catholic remembers 9/11 and prays."

Motorists honked in recognition.

Madonna's pastoral associate, Linda Ritzer, stood near the street with the children.

"The whole faculty and staff thought it was really important that we remember, and that, as Christian people, we try to teach our children the value of life and how important it is to act in loving ways and nonviolent ways," Ritzer said.

"We want them to understand that America is the land of the free, and we want them to, in the freedom we have, remember their gospel values.

"It really is an important thing to teach our children, the value of freedom and how much sometimes that costs people."

Preschool and music teacher Judy Cioccio said the children are not oblivious to the impact of the terror attacks.

"The kids understand about praying for the dead. Even the little kids do," she said. "They really do feel that God's with them with song."

Parent Helena Glaneman attended the service.

Her three children – Natalie, J.J. and Sarah – attend Madonna.

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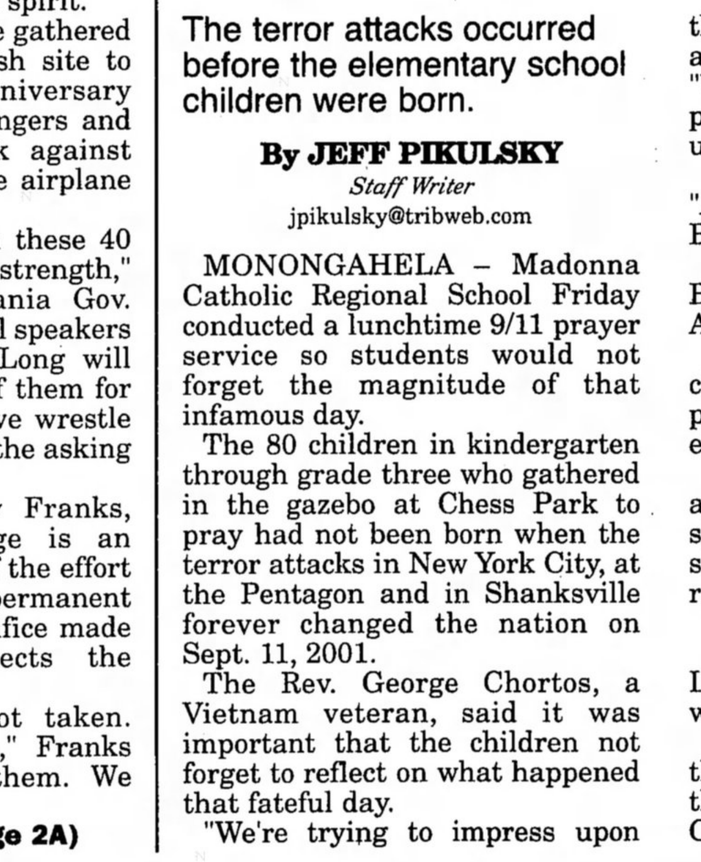

The Monessen Cultural Heritage Festival kicked off Friday. At the Greater Monessen Heritage Museum booth, brothers Tom Burger, standing, and Vince Burger, both of Monessen, look at photographs. The festival, being held on Parente Boulevard, continues today from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Stacy Wolford/The Valley Independent

Vets office out of cash

The facility, which serves an 11-county area, was forced to close Friday.

By CHRIS FOREMAN
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Veterans in an 11-county region will have one less resource for benefits information and other services next week because of the state's delay in passing a budget.

The Governor's Veterans Outreach & Assistance Center on Rugh Street in Hempfield will not reopen Monday morning because funding ceased in June, according to Director Lou Manglos.

Federal money passed through the state allows the Hempfield office and four others in Pennsylvania to operate, but only the Harrisburg office is staying open.

And that's only because the Harrisburg office's director, Gary Dwyer, paid about $800 from his own pocket to cover the phone and Internet bills, according to an employee, Jim Krobath, who is continuing to work on a volunteer basis.

Manglos, who has worked for the Westmoreland County center for 25 years, had to lay off five employees, including those who operated satellite offices in Johnstown and Butler.

The director for the past year, Manglos said he's run out of money to keep office hours, but he'll continue to check phone

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Madonna (FROM PAGE ONE)

"I think it's great," she said of the prayer service. "I really support things like this. My husband was in the Marines, so we're kind of a patriotic family."

Becky Walsh's children, Madison, Jason, Jacob, and Morgan, were at the service.

Walsh's brother-in-law, David Santini, an Arlington, Va., firefighter, was among the first who responded to the attack on the Pentagon.

Vicki Sento attended to watch her grandson, third-grader Andrew Sento.

"Actually, today is my birthday," she said. "People say, 'I'll never forget your birthday.' It's not kind of a good way to think of it, but ... it's just like Pearl Harbor Day. This is part of our history and from where we came.

"We know, personally, people who have lost family members from 9/11. You have to keep doing these things. You have to pay tribute."

After the ceremony, Monongahela Mayor Bob Kepics said he was pleased the school planned the event.

"I think it was a great ceremony," he said. "It is greatly appreciated."

Madonna middle school students took part in a similar memorial service later in the afternoon.

Budget (FROM PAGE ONE)

scheduled a conference committee on Monday to move the bill. Leaders said it would take more than a week to iron out details and approve a series of accompanying bills.

"This budget is far from perfect, but Democrats and Republicans alike are coming together in order to end the pain that hundreds of thousands of people are feeling," said House Speaker Keith McCall, D-Carbon County.

Pennsylvania is the only state without an approved budget. Today is the 73rd day of the impasse.

Lawmakers and legislative staffers say the deal includes:

- Legalizing table games at casinos
- Imposing a 25-cent per pack hike on cigarettes
- Leasing drilling rights on the Marcellus Shale natural gas reserve
- Establishing a one-year state tax forgiveness program expected to generate $100 million
- Halting the scheduled phaseout of the capital stock and franchise tax, a levy on a businesses' assets
- Levying a sales tax on revenue from small games of chance, such as raffle tickets

House Republican leaders say they didn't agree to the proposal.

"The budget proposal misses the boat on three counts," said House Minority Whip Mike Turzai, R-Bradford Woods.

"First, it spends too much. ... Second, it increases taxes during a recession. Third, it doesn't appear to eliminate 'walking around money,' which has to be part of a reform budget."

Rendell repeatedly stressed that to meet his approval, a budget must have "recurring revenue" to balance this year's and next year's budgets and must provide $300 million in additional spending for education.

The legislative deal has the $300 million for schools.

The overall plan is about $1 billion less than what Rendell proposed in February and about $268 million less than last year's budget.

Yesteryear

Ernest "Ernie" Peroni, of Pricedale, is shown with the boat he made from matchsticks in the late 1920s. His nephew, Henry Perney, submitted the photo.

If you have a good old-time photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

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Obama heckler must apologize, or else

Republican U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson shouted, "You lie!" during the president's speech.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Democratic leaders are planning a House vote early next week to admonish Republican Rep. Joe Wilson if he does not apologize on the House floor for yelling "You lie!" during President Barack Obama's health care address to Congress.

National attention from the heckling episode has money pouring into Wilson's campaign treasury and that of his 2010 Democratic challenger. Wilson had raised more than $700,000 since the incident as of Friday, according to the National Republican Congressional Committee. His opponent, Rob Miller, had received more than $875,000, according to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Democratic leaders initially showed mixed interest in punishing Wilson. But they decided at a meeting late Thursday that they probably will propose a resolution of disapproval early next week if he doesn't apologize to Congress, said Brendan Daly, a spokesman for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

While not a formal censure or reprimand, the resolution, if passed as expected, would put Congress on record as condemning Wilson's conduct.

Wilson, who was criticized by Republicans and Democrats for his outburst, told Obama he was sorry shortly after the incident Wednesday night. But he has refused requests from both parties to apologize on the House floor.

Wilson's office says the congressman considers his initial apology sufficient.

Obama said Thursday he accepted Wilson's apology, telling reporters that "we all make mistakes." The White House said it considered the matter over, and Pelosi, D-Calif., initially said she wanted move on.

But many Democrats remain angry and have pressed for further action. They say Wilson clearly violated House rules.

"This is about how elected officials should be conducting themselves in the well of the U.S. House of Representatives," Rep. James Clyburn of South Carolina said in an interview Friday.

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messages.

Westmoreland has had a center since 1981.

"I have to close the doors because there's just no money, which is crazy," Manglos said Friday.

Legislative leaders yesterday said they've reached a budget agreement, but Gov. Ed Rendell vowed to veto the proposal because he claimed it would cause another deficit next year.

Even if a budget is passed next week, Manglos said it likely would take at least a month until the money would reach his office so he could reopen it.

The Hempfield center serves veterans in Westmoreland, Allegheny, Armstrong, Cambria, Indiana, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Washington and Somerset counties.

The office assists veterans and their families with employment assistance, education and training programs, compensation and pension claims and several other services.

Manglos estimated that the office gets about 75 new clients each month.

"The phone calls are incredible," he said. "We get a ton of phone calls every day."

A retired Jeannette man, who served in Vietnam in 1967-68, said Manglos "does a great job for me." Dennis Davanti, 62, said he'll just wait until the office reopens to receive assistance.

"He generally knows what to do with the forms and all that kind of stuff that people need," Davanti said.

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mourn their loss. We celebrate the gift they give us, so we will build a permanent memorial right here on this ground to remind future generations of the courage displayed, of the character revealed on this sacred ground."

Keynote speaker Colin Powell, a retired general and former secretary of State, recalled that he was in Peru eight years ago when terrorists hijacked airplanes and waged war on the United States.

The attacks on New York and the Pentagon got much of the attention.

"Only as the days passed did I come to know, come to understand, come to appreciate what happened to Flight 93 – the plane that did not reach its target," Powell said.

The passengers and crew on board the plane, which was delayed in take-off, discovered what happened at the World Trade Center and in Arlington, Va., and decided to fight against the hijackers, who were planning to use their plane as a bomb.

"If they had any chance of survival they had to attack, not just to save themselves but to save hundreds or even thousands of their fellow citizens," Powell said. "... We must ensure that the world forever knows what we say through the new memorial about these 40 Flight 93 heroes."

Family members said yesterday's crowd at the memorial makes them feel that people still remember. It might not always be apparent.

In Christine Fraser's town of Elizabeth, N.J., Flight 93 is an afterthought. It's "that plane that went down in Pennsylvania," she said. Her sister, Colleen L. Fraser, was aboard Flight 93.

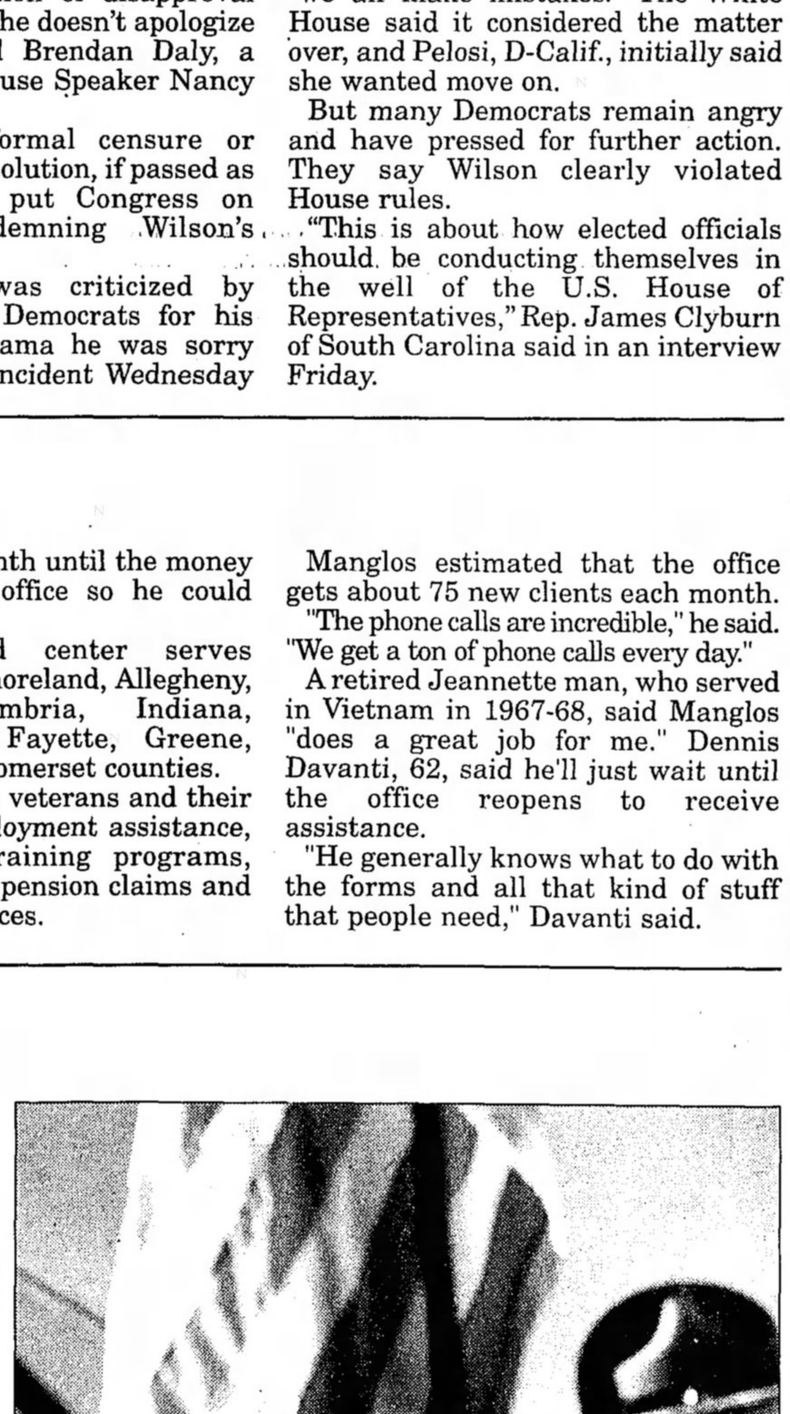
"Every day, we always talk to people so they remember," added Jerry Bingham, whose son Mark Bingham was on board. "In Churchill, Tenn., not many people know about Flight 93, so we do what we can."

They're comforted by the fact that people who came to the ceremony really do seem to care about those aboard Flight 93 and their families.

"What they did is just so typical of our people in the United States," Bingham said. "If you were in that plane, what would you do? Would you stand up like they did?"

And they are heartened that the way has been paved for the permanent memorial.

"It's a lot of relief," Bingham said. "We're really looking forward now, but there's still a lot of work to do."



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Former Secretary of State Colin Powell holds his hand over his heart during a ceremony near the crash site of United Flight 93 in Somerset County.

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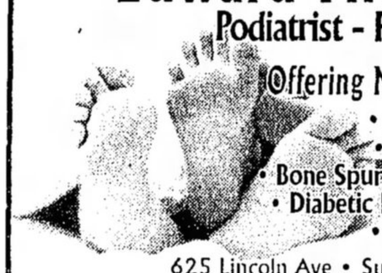

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Valley briefs

Trial ordered in brick incident

A Donora woman was ordered to stand trial for an alleged brick-throwing incident involving a Monessen youth.

Shecholle Malaya Winmon, 19, of 363 Thompson Ave., faces charges of aggravated assault, simple assault, recklessly endangering another person and disorderly conduct.

She had a preliminary hearing Friday in Monessen before Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso.

Terrance Stepoli, 17, testified that Winmon confronted him during a party at 505 Summit Ave., Monessen, on Aug. 30.

He said she kicked at the door and once inside, "got in his face."

Stepoli testified that he pushed her away and she fell to the ground. As he walked away, she twice threw bricks at him, hitting him once on the arm and in the face.

Stepoli said he has limited vision in his right eye.

Under cross-examination by public defender Joe Massaro, Stepoli admitted he had been drinking Wild Irish Rose wine that night.

Stepoli said Winmon accused him and his friends of stealing a keg of beer.

School pension fund takes hit

HARRISBURG (AP) – Pennsylvania's school employees pension fund lost nearly 27 percent on its investments in the year that ended June 30.

The Public School Employees' Retirement System said Friday that the losses would have been worse, but it earned more than 9 percent in the final three months of the period.

It's responding to the national economic downturn by reducing the portion of its money that's invested in global equities and increasing its proportion of cash on hand.

The fund's annualized return over the past 25 years has averaged 9.2 percent. At the end of June, the fund had $43 billion in assets. It serves nearly 273,000 school employees and 177,000 retirees.

Flight 93 bikers roar into Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – About a dozen Harley-Davidson motorcycles ridden by relatives and friends of United Flight 93 passengers and crew members roared into San Francisco International Airport on Friday, ending an eight-day journey that mirrored the doomed plane's intended path.

The 40 people on Flight 93 died on Sept. 11, 2001, after the aircraft crashed in a western Pennsylvania field after being commandeered by terrorists. They were hailed as heroes for confronting the hijackers.

The motorcyclists, led by Ken and Dale Nacke, whose brother Louis "Joey" Nacke was on the plane, left Newark Liberty International Airport on Sept. 3. They pulled into San Francisco just after 11 a.m. the same time the plane was supposed to have arrived eight years ago.

Courtesy photo

Charleroi Area High School graduate Dante Russo is making his mark in Greenville, S.C., where he soon will be recognized as one of the community's best and brightest.

Charleroi Area grad excels in S. Carolina

Dante Russo spends much of his time in volunteer efforts.

By CHRIS BUCKLEY
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Valley exports

A weekly look at people who left the Valley

It seems fitting that Dante Russo's professional career began in part because of help from a friend.

That's because one of Greenville, S.C.'s "best and brightest" professionals younger than 35 spends much of his spare time helping others.

Although he has lived in South Carolina for just three years, Russo is already being noticed.

Russo graduated from Charleroi Area High School, where he played right field for Bruno Pappasergi.

He played baseball for one year at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. Transferring to the main campus, he worked in the alumni office and was a volunteer for the Arrival Survival program, helping incoming underclassmen become acclimated to the campus.

Russo received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Pitt in 2005.

Months after graduation, Russo received his first business opportunity while visiting his friend, Cam Mascara, a former Monessen resident who was working for energy drink producer Red Bull. Mascara arranged an interview for his friend and the company hired Russo as a sales representative.

"He opened the opportunity for me here in Greenville," Russo said.

"(Greenville) is the perfect environment to grow personally and professionally."

After a year with Red Bull, Russo joined Liberty Mutual in June 2007.

Last year, Russo, his former Liberty Mutual boss Chris Collins and two others formed: South Carolina Insurance.

"Working with Chris, it made sense to leave Liberty Mutual and start our own company," Russo said. "At Liberty, you were captive agent."

The independent agents are able to offer customers policies from such companies as Travelers, Safeco, the Hartford, Progressive, Montgomery, Harleysville and the Capital Preferred.

"Instead of my hands tied with one company, I can have several to reach out and offer to meet the client's needs," said Russo, executive producer and partner.

The firm is located in downtown Greenville. Russo lives in Maulden, S.C., five minutes from the city.

Russo is an active volunteer.

He donates time working with daycare centers on safety and sudden infant death syndrome issues.

He serves on the Greenville County Safety Coalition and the Haley Taylor foundation, for which he provides safety tips at its annual fundraiser.

"I have a thing for promoting safety and helping people," Russo said.

He also volunteers with:

- Greenville Main Street Kiwanis, as chairman of the social and recruitment committee.
- The American Red Cross of the Upstate, as a young ambassador.

Russo is a member of the Professionals United for Leadership and Social Enrichment, as a member of its leadership enrichment committee. In this program, young professionals are mentored by senior professionals.

Russo is receiving such guidance from Jim Burns, a Greenville County Council member and senior vice president for real estate services for Carolina First Bank.

In the Greenville Buckle-Up, campaign, Russo and other volunteer collect wrecked vehicles from junkyards and take them to high schools where students write essays about unsafe driving that leads to accidents involving such vehicles.

"It makes a loud statement, to say the least," Russo said.

Essay contest winners receive $500 scholarships.

Russo plays in a community softball league and enjoys working out in a gym. He also enjoys the pool season that stretches from April to October.

The son of Sal and Barb Russo, he comes home to the Valley every Christmas. On Father's Day, he surprised his dad with a golf outing.

The two meet in Myrtle Beach a couple times a year to golf.

"I look up to them," Russo said of his parents. "I learned everything from them. I give them all of the credit.

"They taught me integrity, passion and to be a reliable person, to make good decisions."

His sister, Brieanne, lives near Phoenix, where she is a teacher and a guidance counselor.

On Sept. 29, Russo will attend award ceremonies at the BMW Performance Center, where he will be honored by Greenville First bank as one of Greenville "Best and Brightest 35 and Under.

When you make the grade

When submitting news items for Making the Grade, include the first and last names of all listed. In addition, include a telephone number, just in case we have any questions.

Punxsutawney Phil thirsts for elixir of life

The weather predicting groundhog has cheated fate for years.

By CHRIS TOGNERI
For The Valley Independent
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Punxsutawney's prognosticating groundhog will sip from the fountain of youth today.

In five months, Punxsutawney Phil will predict an extended winter or early spring.

At the Groundhog Club Picnic today at Gobbler's Knob, a wooded area outside Punxsutawney, Phil must drink his annual dose of a potent beverage that some believe helps extend his life.

"This is a really big deal," said Mike Johnston, a member of the Inner Circle – Phil's guardians – since 1992. "It's not about eating and drinking and camaraderie with friends. It's all about Phil getting his elixir of life."

Every year on Groundhog Day, Phil emerges from his slumber to make his winter prediction in front of thousands of people. According to legend, if Phil sees his shadow, six more weeks of winter will follow. If he does not, expect an early spring.

The elixir helps Phil focus and stay strong, his handlers say. And although the quaff's ingredients are top secret, Inner Circle members insist it has helped Phil stay alive – for, ahem, 123 years.

"And Phil is still pretty spry for his age," Johnston said.

Indeed, earlier this year Phil caused a stir when he twice managed to escape his enclosure at the town library. He climbed a tree in the enclosure, pushed up a ceiling tile and spent hours scurrying about the rafters.

"Over the years, he's had death threats and kidnapping threats, but we never took them seriously because he's well guarded," Johnston said. "But when his handler went (to the library) and he wasn't there, it was like 'Whoa!'"

Town librarian Roberta Dinsmore was not surprised.

"He's a very clever fellow," she said simply. "And he's very knowledgeable as to how to use a small hole" in the ceiling.

The Inner Circle capped the tree with a large sheet of metal. Phil has not slipped away since.

"Most people don't realize just how mobile groundhogs are," Johnston said. "Because of their physical structure – belly dragging on the ground and short stumpy legs – most people don't think of them being aerial. But they can and routinely do climb trees."

The average groundhog lives for six to eight years.

Expect Phil to take it easy during the upcoming months, Johnston said.

After all, he has a serious job to do.

"We're coming into the fall, and Phil's very aware of this," Johnston said. "He's starting to think about his prognostication. A great deal of thought goes into this. Phil takes it very seriously."

Dawson man jailed in golf course caper

Police said Cade Stevens came out of the woods with a shotgun.

By JEFF PIKULSKY
Staff Writer
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DAWSON – A Dawson man has been accused of robbing four golfers at gunpoint Thursday as they were finishing a hole at Linden Hall Golf Course.

State police at the Belle Vernon barracks said Cade Stevens, 25, came out of a wooded area at 4:50 p.m. and approached the foursome with a shotgun as they were beginning to putt.

Stevens allegedly demanded the golfers empty their pockets and lie on the ground, police said.

One of the men was struck on both sides of the face with the shotgun after Stevens pushed him with the weapon. A struggle ensued, police said.

The man also suffered scratches on his hand and neck, according to police.

Stevens took $80 from the man, police said.

Stevens was later arrested and placed in the Fayette County Jail in lieu of $50,000 straight cash bond.

Information on a preliminary hearing date was not available at presstime.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT SUNDAY

Covenant Christian Church located at 1st & Main Streets in Belle Vernon Pa, will be hosting a special Sunday on September 13th for our law enforcement officers during our 10:15 a.m. Celebration Gathering.

This is a special service honoring all those in Law Enforcement. We want them to know that they are in our daily prayers for safety and Divine protection as they labor to protect and serve the citizens of our area.

Our special guest speaker for the day will be State Policeman Scott Cooper. He has a great Christian testimony and his words will be an inspiration to all those in law enforcement.

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DEATH NOTICES

DENNEY – Shirley A. Denney, 73, of Leavenworth, Kan., on Wednesday, Sept. 9. Davis Funeral Chapel, Leavenworth, Kan.*

HEWITT – Ernest F. "Skinny" Hewitt, 74, of Charleroi, on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Eley/McCrory Funeral Home Inc., Fayette City.*

JONES – Andrea K. (Stark) Jones, 63, of Donora, on Thursday, Sept. 10. James A. Rabe Funeral Home Inc., Donora.*

MAKOVSKY – Leo A. Makovsky, 94, of Fayette City (Gillespie), on Thursday, Sept. 10. Ferguson Funeral Home Inc. and Cremation Service, Belle Vernon.*

MCGEE – Anna M. McGee, 91, of Monessen, on Friday, Sept. 11. Dalfonso-Billick Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

SLAVONIA – Dennis R. Slavonia, 62, of Speers, on Thursday, Sept. 10. Melenyzer-DuBarr Funeral Homes & Cremation Services Inc., Roscoe.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS

JANKOWSKI, Edward J.

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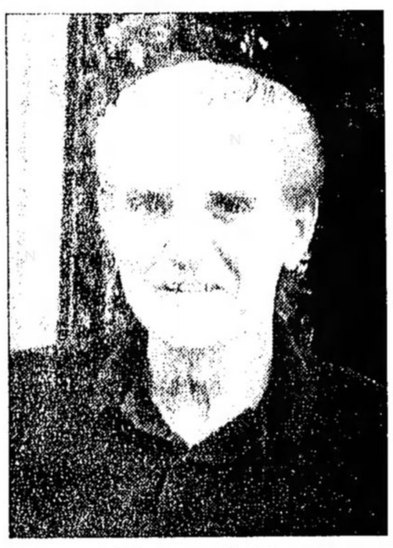

Ernest F. 'Skinny' Hewitt

Charleroi

Ernest F. "Skinny" Hewitt, 74, of Charleroi, died Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009, in Havenerest Nursing Center, Carroll Township. He was born Jan. 29, 1935, in Sulfer Springs, W.Va., a son of the late Frank W. Hewitt and Ida Gladys Bradley Hewitt. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Surviving are two daughters, Kimberly Hewitt and Linda Horrell of Belle Vernon; three sons: James Hewitt, Ernest Hewitt, Jr. of Arizona and Ed Macik of Anaheim, Calif.; a brother, Julian Hewitt and wife Janet of Charleroi; a sister, Edith Urwin and husband Donald of Monongahela; 11 grandchildren: Johnny, Garrett, Anthony, Dwayne, Ernest III, Kristie, Nathan, Bradyn, Nick, Michael and Aaron. He is also survived by his former wife Joann Hewitt and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by brothers Henry and wife Joyce Hewitt, Albert, Raymond and Jesse Hewitt; and sister Ila Kate Dozonko Chalfant. Friends will be received in the ELEY/McCRORY FUNERAL HOME INC., Main Street, Fayette City, on Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 14, 2009, until 10 a.m., the hour of services with the Rev. Dr. D.W. Norton officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery, Belle Vernon.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Shirley A. Denney

Leavenworth, Kan.

Shirley A. (Marshall) Denney, 73, Leavenworth, Kan., passed away Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009. Shirley was born April 12, 1936, the daughter of Lindzy D. and Helen (Stewart) Chester. She is survived by her sons, Darren W. Marshall (Catherine), Ricky , Bruce, Larry and Kevin; one brother, William Bud Chester; two sisters, Margaret Rutan and Olive Behanna; and her grandson, Zachary Neill. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Stewart, Lloyd and James Chester; and one sister, Ruth Chester. She retired from the Dwight D. Eisenhower VA Medical Center in 1998. She was an avid quilter and loved to sing. Shirley was a friend to everyone. Visitation will be held Thursday, Sept.17, 2009 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the DAVIS FUNERAL CHAPEL, Leavenworth, Kan. A memorial service will be held Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the funeral chapel. Memorial contributions may be given to the Leavenworth Red Cross.

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Edward J. Jankowski

Millvale

Edward J. Jankowski, 61, of Millvale, Pa., passed away Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009, in the Good Samaritan Hospice in Wexford, Pa. He was born Sept. 10, 1948, in Heilbrom, Germany, son of the late Boleslaw and Marianna Jankowski. He is survived by his loving wife, Rita; daughter, Kelly Marie Jankowski; and brothers, Robert and Boleslaw (Tami) Jankowski. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the HEALY-HAHN FUNERAL HOME INC., 512 Grant Ave., Millvale, Pa. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Spirit Church in Millvale.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Andrea K. (Stark) Jones

Donora

Andrea K. Stark Jones, 63, of Donora, died Thursday Sept.10, 2009, in Mon Valley Hospital after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Andrea was born in North Charleroi on April 20, 1946, a daughter of the late Andrew and Doris Gallatin Stark. She was most recently employed as a manager for over seven years at the Uniontown Country Club. Andrea was a 1964 graduate of Donora High School, a vital member of the reunion committee, and a member of the Calvary United Presbyterian Church in Donora. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Mary Dabiero. Survivors include her two sons, Adam (Aimee) Jones of Irmo S.C., and Kit (Julie) Jones of Tulsa, Okla.; four grandchildren, Shaiyla, A.J., Abby, and Zachary; a sister, caregiver, and best friend, Diana Greco of Donora; a special niece, Bobbi Greco Zeman and her husband Ken and children Drew and Jackson; an aunt, Jane Caugherty of Sun City, Calif.; her caregiver, Kathy Moser of Brownsville; the best friends a woman could ever have, Kay Ross Hayward and Peggy Stinogle Anderson; and many wonderful friends from Donora High School classes 1959,1960, 1963. and 1964. A memorial service will be held on Saturday Sept. 26, 2009, at 10 a.m. at the Calvary United Presbyterian Church in Donora with the Rev. James Bailey officiating. The JAMES A. RABE FUNERAL HOME INC., Donora, is in charge of arrangements. Family and friends may view the obituary and offer online condolences at www.rabefuneralhome.com

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Leo A. Makovsky

Fayette City (Gillespie)

Leo A. Makovsky, 94, of Fayette City (Gillespie), passed away on Thursday, September 10, 2009 in the Neveah Cove Independent Living Personal Care Home in Charleroi. Leo was surrounded by his family when he passed away. The owner and employees of the Neveah Cove and Albert Gallatin Hospice were all very compassionate and caring people who helped the family through this very difficult time. A son of the late Joseph and Sophie Brydak Makovsky, he was born in Pricedale on November 26, 1914. Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Bernadette and Robert Planey of Mt. Joy, Pa.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Leo E. and Patricia Makovsky of Fayette City, and Gary B. and Charmel Makovsky of Rostraver Township; one brother, Edward Makovsky of Pleasant Hill, Ore.; and five great-grandchildren, Michele Crivello and husband Ralph of South Park, Nicole Schwartz and husband Robert of Marietta, Robert Planey and wife Amy of Mt. Joy, Tracey Makovsky-Cook of Charleroi and Gary Lee Makovsky and wife Amy of Delmont. In addition, he also enjoyed six great-grandchildren, Jen Crivello, Ralph Crivello Jr., Kaila Crivello, Kristie Crivello, Joshua Schwartz and Jonah Schwartz. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Wilson Makovsky on December 24, 2001; a sister, Stacey Makovsky; and a brother, Thadeus Makovsky. He enjoyed working in his garden and gave most of the fruits and vegetables to his family, friends and neighbors. He was an avid Steelers fan and rarely missed a game. Leo also enjoyed watching his great-grandchildren play softball. He worked at various jobs including being a coal miner, steelworker, construction worker, owner-operator strip mine, and finally retired at age 69 after driving tractor trailer well over two million miles. After retiring, Leo and his wife Hazel toured the United States in a motor home, towing their automobile on a trailer. He was a veteran of World War II, a member of St. Joseph's Mission Parish Church of Belle Vernon, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and a member of the Fayette Legion American Post 484. Friends will be received Sunday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, INC., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon (724-929-5300), www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com. A blessing service will be in the funeral home Monday at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Felix Pyzowski officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Anna M. McGee

Monessen

Anna M. McGee, 91, of Monessen, died unexpectedly on Friday, September 11, 2009, in Monongahela Valley Hospital Inc. She was born in Monessen on September 10, 1918, the daughter of the late Frank and Julia (Nusser) Strauss. Mrs. McGee was a lifelong resident of Monessen and a 1936 graduate of Monessen High School. She was a member of Epiphany of Our Lord R. C. Church, a former member of the Hungarian Ladies Society, and was very active with the Monessen Senior Center. She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Donald Barnhart of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Kathy and John Spangler of Hanover; a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth R. and Joan McGee of Monessen; her two grandsons, John K. and Joseph McGee of Monessen; a sister-in-law, Wanda McGee of Monessen; and by several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth A. McGee in 1978; a brother Anthony Strauss; and by two sisters, Elizabeth Rotondo and Julia Shoemaker. Friends will be received on Monday Sept. 14, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen, (724-684-8750). Services will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David J. Nazimek officiating. Interment will follow in Grandview Cemetery, Monessen. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Monessen Public Library and District Center, or Mon Valley EMS. Condolences accepted for the family at www.dalfonso-billick.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Shirley Ann Ruscitti

Banning, formerly of Webster

Shirley Ann Ruscitti, 68, of Banning, died Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009, in Monongahela Valley Hospital. She was born Sept. 7, 1941, in Webster, the daughter of the late Frederick and Nellie Morgan Rook. In addition to her parents, she as preceded in death by her husband, Armand Ruscitti; two sons, David and Thomas; brothers, Bill, Fred, Andy, and Walter Rook; and sisters, Romaine, Mary King and Nellie Wise. She is survived by three daughters, Mary Ann Wilhelm, of Banning, Veronica Mayolo, of Fairchance, and Lisa Long and husband, Joe, of Florida; a son, Matthew Ruscitti, and wife, Naomi, of California; eight grandchildren, Jennifer, Jamie, Jeffrey, Nicole, Breanna, Brooke, Allysa, and Allyson; one great-grandchild, Isabel; a brother, Jim Rook, of Maryland; good friend, Bea Andrews; and sister-in-law, Martha Ruscitti. Family and friends will be received 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the L. L. BARTHELS FUNERAL HOME INC., Second Street, Smithton. A Blessing Service will be held 1 p.m. Monday in the funeral home, with Fr. Emil Payer officiating. Burial will be in Monongahela Valley Memorial Park, Donora.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Dennis R. Slavonia

Speers

Dennis R. Slavonia, 62, of Speers, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009. Born in Charleroi on March 3, 1947, he was the son of the late Stephen and Mae Minkovich Slavonia. He worked at Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel, Allenport Plant, for 33 years before retiring in 2002. Dennis was a member of St. Joseph Church in Roscoe, Elks Lodge No.494 in Charleroi, and was a 2nd Degree Knight in the Charleroi Knights of Columbus and enjoyed playing golf, gardening, playing banjo and violin, hunting with his yellow lab, Champ, and loved to bake for anyone and for any occasion. He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Patricia; a son, Nicholas of Speers; a brother, Stephen Slavonia (Eva Mae) of Monessen; a sister, Cindy Reeves of Spring, Texas; nephew, Donnie Reeves (Laura); niece, Courtney Tempest (B.J.); father-in-law, Anthony Eusepi; sisters-in-law, Mary Lee Conte (Ralph), and Irene Slavonia. In addition to his parents, Dennis is preceded in death by a brother, Claude "Beets" Slavonia; mother-in-law, Ann Eusepi; and a brother-in-law, Don "Chops" Reeves. Friends will be received from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday in the MELENYZER-DUBARR FUNERAL HOMES AND CREMATION SERVICES, INC., 1008 Furlong Ave., Roscoe. A Blessing service will be held Monday, Sept. 14, at 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Church with the Rev. George Moneck officiating. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Monongahela. The Knights of Columbus will hold their service Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. On-line condolences will be accepted on the funeral home Web site, www.melenyzer-dubarr.com.

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DISTRICT COURT

Mark Wilson, Monongahela

The following cases were held before Magisterial District Judge Mark Wilson:

■ Edwar Griffin, 56, of 506 Stokes Ave., Braddock, charged with disorderly conduct and public drunkenness May 21 and June 4 by Monongahela police. He was found guilty of public drunkenness. A disorderly conduct charge was withdrawn. He was found not guilty of the other two charges because the officer failed to appear.

■ John Anderson, 59, of 789 McKean Ave., Donora, charged with disorderly conduct May 1 by Donora police. The case was dismissed because the officer failed to appear.

■ Rose Jericho, 25, of 215 1/2 Kenric Ave., Donora, charged with subsequent conviction of certain offenses (driving without a license), fleeing and traffic violations Aug. 29 by Donora police. The case was dismissed because the officer failed to appear.

■ John Voron, 49, of 10747 Bell View Drive, North Huntingdon, charged with recklessly endangering, criminal attempt aggravated assault, prohibitive offensive weapons, criminal mischief, aggravated assault and simple assault Aug. 12 by Carroll Township police. The case was held for court.

■ Patsy Vince, of 207 Brokaw Ave., Donora, charged with disorderly conduct Aug. 5 by Donora police. He was found not guilty because the victim failed to appear.

■ Jonathan Earley, 23, of 433 W. Alexander St., Monongahela, was charged with disorderly conduct Aug. 1 by Monongahela police. He was found guilty.

■ Bradley Thomas, 28, of 302 Third St., Donora, was charged with disorderly conduct Aug. 5 by Donora police. He was found not guilty.

■ Eldridge Thomas, 52, of 302 Third St., Donora, charged with disorderly conduct Aug. 5 by Monongahela police. He was found guilty.

■ Christopher Logan, 39, of 314 Rebecca St., Monessen, charged with criminal mischief and harassment Aug. 6 by Donora police. He was found guilty of criminal mischief and not guilty of harassment because the victim failed to appear.

■ Louis Robinson, 51, of 607 Thompson Ave., Apt. 3, Donora, charged with harassment Aug. 6 by Donora police. He was found not guilty because the victim failed to appear.

Joseph Dalfonso, Monessen

■ Five Monessen men charged in connection with a disturbance at the Monessen Elks Club on Aug. 2 appeared Friday before Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso.

Charles Bassett Jr., 30, of 471 Knox Ave., Sheldon Davis, 23, of 515 Chestnut St., Ernest Williams, 23, of 22 McKee Ave., Daniel Towler, of 705 Rostraver St., and Joseph Heath, 20, of 50 Reed Ave., were each charged with failure to disperse.

The charges were withdrawn against, but they were found guilty of a summary offenses and ordered to pay the maximum fines.

■ Timothy Tyree, 19, of Monessen; charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia July 25. The charges were waived to court.

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In Memory of Dale Christopher Williams

In loving memory of our beloved son, Dale Christopher Williams, who passed away 7 years ago today, September 12, 2002.

Last night while I was trying to sleep, my son's voice I did hear. I opened my eyes and looked around, but he did not appear. He said "Mom, you've got to listen, you've got to understand, God didn't take me from you, Mom. He only took my hand. When I called out in pain that day, the moment that I died, He reached down and took my hand, and pulled me to His side. He pulled me up and saved me from the misery and pain. My body was hurt so badly, I could never be the same. My search is really over now, I've found happiness within, all the answers to my empty dreams and all that might have been. I love you all and miss you so, and I'll always be nearby, my body's gone forever, but my spirit will never die. And so, you may call for me now, and live, and understand...God didn't take me from you. He only took my hand".

Sadly missed and loved by Mom, Stepdad, Gram & Pap Balog, Uncle John, Renee, Michael, Friends and Family

In Memory Of
Dale Christopher Williams

In loving memory of our beloved grandson & cousin,
Dale Christopher Williams,
who passed away 7 years ago today, September 12, 2002.

What would we give your hand to clasp, your patient face to see, to hear your voice, to see your smile, as in the days that used to be. But in some sweet day we'll meet again beyond the toil and strife, and clasp each other's hand once more, in heaven, that happy life

Sadly missed and loved by Grandma & Grandpap Williams & cousin Dana & her family

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Charleroi Knights collecting sweaters

Father William D. Fries Council 956, Knights of Columbus, Charleroi, will conduct its annual sweater collection drive this weekend at Charleroi area Catholic churches to benefit the Washington City Mission.

The Knights will collect good, used and new sweaters at Masses as follows: Mary, Mother of the Church, Charleroi – Seventh Street, 5 p.m. today and 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Ghost Byzantine Parish, Charleroi – 828 Meadow Ave., 4 p.m. today and 10 a.m. Sunday; St. Joseph Parish, Roscoe – 105 Good St., 6:30 p.m. today and 9 a.m. Sunday. For information, call Don at (724) 483-7393; Andy at (724) 483-7381 or Tom at (724) 554-0087.

Broad Avenue closed Monday

Broad Avenue in North Belle Vernon will be closed to traffic Monday from Short Street to Fayette Street.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 12

Today is Saturday, Sept. 12, the 255th day of 2009. There are 110 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Sept. 12, 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy addressed questions about his Roman Catholic faith, telling a Southern Baptist group in Houston, "I do not speak for my church on public matters, and the church does not speak for me."

On this date:

■ In 1918, during World War I, U.S. forces led by Gen. John J. Pershing launched a successful attack on the German-occupied St. Mihiel salient near Verdun, France.

■ In 1938, Adolf Hitler demanded the right of self-determination for the Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia.

■ In 1943, German paratroopers took Benito Mussolini from the hotel where he was being held by the Italian government.

■ In 1953, Massachusetts Sen. and future president John F. Kennedy married Jacqueline Lee Bouvier in Newport, R.I.

■ In 1958, the U.S. Supreme Court, in the case of Cooper v. Aaron, unanimously ruled that Arkansas officials who were resisting public school desegregation orders could not disregard the high court's rulings.

■ In 1959, the Soviet Union launched its Luna 2 space probe, which made a crash landing on the moon. The TV Western series "Bonanza" premiered on NBC.

■ In 1974, Emperor Haile Selassie was deposed by Ethiopia's military after ruling for 58 years.

■ In 1977, South African black student leader Steve Biko died while in police custody, triggering an international outcry.

■ In 1992, the space shuttle Endeavour blasted off, carrying with it Mark Lee and Jan Davis, the first married couple in space; Mae Jemison, the first black woman in space, and Mamoru Mohri, the first Japanese citizen to fly on a U.S. spaceship.

■ **Ten years ago**: Under intense international pressure, Indonesia announced it would allow an international peacekeeping force to restore order to the devastated territory of East Timor.

■ **Five years ago**: US Airways Group Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection for the second time in two years.

■ **One year ago**: A Metrolink commuter train struck a freight train head-on in Los Angeles, killing 25 people. (Federal investigators have said the Metrolink engineer, Robert Sanchez, had been text-messaging on his cell phone and ran a red light shortly before the crash.)

Associated Press

A woman is comforted as friends and relatives of the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks gather for a commemoration ceremony at Zuccotti Park, adjacent to ground zero, on the eighth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center Friday in New York.

U.S. marks 9/11 with acts of volunteerism

Service emphasized on eighth anniversary of terrorist attacks.

By VERENA DOBNIK
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Philip Hayes was 67 and had been retired from the Fire Department more than 20 years on the morning when he rushed to the burning World Trade Center. His family says he rescued children from a day care and then headed to the south tower, where he died.

His son, Philip Hayes Jr., was among the mourners who read aloud the names of the lost Friday on the eighth anniversary of 9/11 — a day when the nation, in rituals of grief and simple acts of volunteerism, rekindled the spirit of service embodied by his father.

"Every one of them is loved, and every one of them is missed," the younger Hayes said. "Every one of them is a hero."

Hours after the attack and for weeks afterward, volunteers responded to New York City's needs, sending emergency workers to help with the recovery, cards to victims' families, and boxes of supplies.

President Barack Obama, observing his first Sept. 11 as president, declared it a day of service. New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg recalled acts of post-9/11 selflessness as links "in a continuous chain that stopped us from falling into cynicism and despair."

Eight years later, Americans marked the anniversary with service projects.

Volunteers in Boston stuffed packages for military personnel overseas. In Tennessee and West Virginia, they distributed donated food for the needy. Community volunteers in Maine worked on a garden and picnic area for families transitioning out of homelessness.

In Chicago, they tilled community gardens, cooked lunch for residents of a shelter and packed food for mothers and babies. And on the lawn of the Ohio Statehouse, volunteers arranged nearly 3,000 small American flags, in a pattern reminiscent of the trade center's twin towers. At the top was an open space in the shape of a pentagon.

"It's different than just seeing numbers on a paper, when you actually see the flags. It's a visual impact of those lives," said Nikki Marlette, 62, of the Los Angeles suburb of Palos Verdes Estates, visiting Columbus for Saturday's Ohio State-Southern California football game.

At a plaza adjacent to the World Trade Center site, volunteers — from soup kitchens, advocacy groups, the Red Cross, the United Way — joined relatives of the lost to read the names of those killed in the twin towers.

"I ask that you honor my son and all those who perished eight years ago ... by volunteering, by making some kind of act of kindness in their memory," said one of the readers, Gloria Russin, who lost her son, Steven Harris Russin.

Renewing what has become a poignant tradition, some relatives called out greetings and messages of remembrances when they reached the names of their own loved ones.

"We love you, Dad, and we miss you," said Philip Hayes Jr., whose father, long retired from the Fire Department, rushed to the site that 2001 morning and ultimately gave his life.

Theresa Mullan, who lost her firefighter son, Michael, wore a poncho and shivered in the rain as she waited for her son's name to be called. She said she couldn't dream of being anywhere else.

"It's a small inconvenience," she said of the weather. "My son is the one who ran into a burning building."

> "Every one of them is loved, and every one of them is missed."
>
> Philip Hayes Jr.

Moments of silence were observed at 8:46, 9:03, 9:59 and 10:29 a.m. — the precise times that jetliners struck the north and south towers of the trade center and that each tower fell.

At ground zero in lower Manhattan, relatives and friends of victims visited a partially built, street-level Sept. 11 memorial plaza that had not been there a year ago.

The memorial, to be partially complete by the 10th anniversary in 2011, will ultimately include two square pools evoking the towers' footprints, with victims' names surrounding them and waterfalls cascading down the sides.

On Friday, William Weaver placed a single red rose in a temporary reflecting pool at the plaza, a photograph of his son, police Officer Walter E. Weaver, pinned to his jacket. He said the memorial was taking too long and he did not like it. "It should have been a graveyard-type of thing," said Weaver.

In Shanksville, Pa., bells tolled for the 40 victims of the fourth hijacked jetliner that crashed there.

Eight years after 2,976 perished in the attacks, Obama vowed at the Pentagon that the United States "will never falter" in pursuit of al-Qaida. "Let us renew our resolve against those who perpetrated this barbaric act and who plot against us still," he said.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

River drill shakes up D.C.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A morning of remembrance turned into one of flashbacks, fear and media missteps Friday when a Coast Guard exercise — unfolding near Pentagon ceremonies marking the Sept. 11, 2001, anniversary — was mistaken as an attack. The false reports of gunfire on the river briefly spooked the capital, sending FBI agents to the scene and grounding flights.

The episode left the Coast Guard promising to "take a good hard look at what we did here today" and military families sore that officials would simulate a confrontation on the Potomac River on a day of raw emotions and high security.

But the exercise, involving speeding boats and at least one helicopter, probably would have passed unnoticed except that two TV networks confused simulated chatter over a Coast Guard radio for actual events and reported that the Coast Guard had opened fire on a suspicious vessel near ceremonies attended by President Barack Obama.

A chain of errors on television and online raised fears the capital might be under assault eight years to the day — almost the moment — after the terrorist attack on the Pentagon. CNN reported 10 shots had been fired, based on information it heard over the network's police scanner.

On Twitter, the network reported: "Coast Guard confronts boat as Obama visits Pentagon, police scanner reports say shots fired."

Flu season comes early

WASHINGTON (AP) — Influenza is circulating unusually early this year with cases in all 50 states — nearly all the swine flu variety, government health officials said Friday.

The highest concentration of flu cases is in the Southeast and a few other states, Dr. Anne Schuchat of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said at a briefing.

The good news is that testing of vaccines for swine flu show that they work with a single dose and take effect rapidly.

Supplies of swine flu vaccine are expected to be available in mid-October, but the seasonal flu vaccine is available now and officials have encouraged people to get it.

The H1N1 swine flu broke out in the spring and never went away, Schuchat said. It struck in many summer camps, spread into the Southern Hemisphere and now is widening its range. Currently 98 percent of the flu viruses circulating are swine flu.

Cases are mainly occurring in children and young adults, Schuchat said.

The finding that the swine flu vaccine works in a single dose in healthy adults "shortens the window of worry," Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said. "There's no better protection against the flu than vaccine."

Cenus Bureau cuts ACORN ties

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Census Bureau on Friday severed its ties with ACORN, a community organization that has been hit with Republican accusations of voter-registration fraud.

"We do not come to this decision lightly," Census director Robert Groves wrote in a letter to ACORN, which was obtained by The Associated Press.

In splitting with ACORN, Groves sought to tamp down GOP concerns and negative publicity that the partnership will taint the 2010 head count.

"It is clear that ACORN's affiliation with the 2010 census promotion has caused sufficient concern in the general public, has indeed become a distraction from our mission, and may even become a discouragement to public cooperation, negatively impacting 2010 census efforts," Groves wrote.

Stephen Buckner, a census spokesman, confirmed the letter, but declined additional comment. ACORN spokesman Scott Levenson did not immediately return a request for comment.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

'Cash 5' jackpot at least $225,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $225,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Friday's game.

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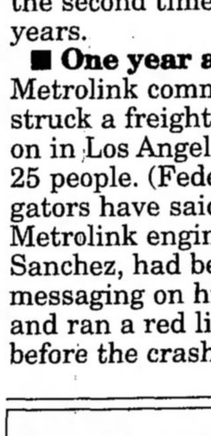

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TREASURE HUNT:	01-13-15-27-29
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SUPER 7:	4-10-23-24-44-46 49-58-63-73-74

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DAY PICK 4:	7-5-3-9
NIGHT PICK 4:	5-5-8-6
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DAILY 3:	0-2-2
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Cheers 'n Jeers

Here is a critical look at some of the events that helped shape life in the Mid-Mon Valley area during the past week:

For the Cultural Heritage Festival being held in Monessen this weekend. It's a great way to celebrate the ethnic heritage that is such a rich part of the town's history. The festival continues from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday on Parente Boulevard.

To Monongahela Mayor Bob Kepics, who addressed council Wednesday with the words, "We will rebound. We will rebuild." Kepics was trying to lift spirits after a disastrous week that saw the arrest of police officer George Langan and a fire that destroyed Vocelli Pizza and two surrounding buildings.

To the Monessen Park Restoration Group, which is replacing more than 60 dead and diseased trees at City Park. Once the trees are removed, they will be replaced with 40 trees, which will be properly spaced to allow for growth.

YOUR OPINION

Obama gifted speaker, but not leader

To the Editor:

After watching President Obama's address to the joint session of Congress, I was impressed with his political savvy. He is no doubt one of the most gifted speakers I have every listened to.

As a leader he is a dunce, I'm not so sure that he could manage a small store of any kind. He makes it quite apparent that he has never been in a position of leadership or management. He has a great vocabulary, but no sense of what a person in a leadership position should be doing.

He should do us all a favor and resign before he does even greater damage to every facet of our country.

Aside from the fact that he cannot get his facts straight or is knowingly lying about them, he can't see that the majority of the country does not believe him when he speaks, The person that called him a liar during that appearance was out of line, correct in what he said, but out of line by shouting it out.

Again I say that we should vote out every incumbent and start from scratch, maybe then they will remember that they work for us, we don't work for them.

Ron Chromulak
Bonita Springs, Fla.
Formerly of Monessen

Don't back down from public option

To the Editor:

I wish President Obama's speech Wednesday night included a harder line on a public option.

While the speech was great, I felt that the public option "trigger" was more of a way to even beat it back.

A public option is the only true way to keep the gree of the health insurance companies in check. The greed is inclusive and foisted upon people, regardless of politics or social class.

With one sixth of the economy going toward health spending, one would think the public option would be the mechanism that could quickly level the playing field.

Instead, the talk was of a conciliatory gesture toward the pro-greed, uncompromising right, who clearly haven't learned a single thing through the prior eight years.

Craig Whyel
Charleroi

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Double dipping at your expense

Brad **BUMSTED**

During the 2007-2008 session, the House Chief Clerk's office spent almost $250,000 on catered dinners for lawmakers, most of whom were collecting $146 per day for food and lodging costs.

It's one of those many expenditures you rarely hear about. It's yet another example of how your tax money gets frittered away at the Capitol.

Sometimes it was "just" pizza. But pizza for a 203-member legislative body doesn't come cheap. Try $680 at Papa John's on March 10, 2008. That same day, the House spent $4,612 on food from Zia's Catering.

They spread the pizza purchases around. On March 17, 2008, the House spent $160 at Monte Carlo's Pizza, $1,351 at Brother's Pizza, $690 at Papa John's and $936 at Mama's Pizza, according to House records.

That's $3,137 worth of pizza in one day.

At an average, say, of $12 per pizza, that's 261 pies.

But that's small stuff for big appetites.

For opening day ceremonies Jan. 1, 2007, the catering tab was $15,000 from Our Daily Bread in Harrisburg. Of course, a lot of family and friends are fed that day as well.

Catering from Cantone's restaurant in July 2007 was $9,750. Zia's catering was paid $5,150 on July 16 of that year.

The cost of per diems for the House then was about $29,000 per day

During the 2008 budget impasse (very short by this year's standards), the House fed lawmakers on June 29, June 30, July 2, July 3 and July 4.

On June 29, there were two catering tabs for $6,175 from C&J Catering and $6,964 from Zia's. That's $13,319 or $65 per member. Staffers undoubtedly take their share so it's probably a lot less.

On July 4, 2008, the House splurged — if that's possible.

Because lawmakers had to work on Independence Day, they pulled out all stops with a $20,550 tab from Premier Catering. There are part-time workers in the Commonwealth who would like to make that much in a year.

It's double dipping, pure and simple.

On many other per diem days (now $158), lawmakers eat on the lobbyists' dime.

Very few if any legislators reduce per diems because they're getting free chow.

The House Comptroller has said if lawmakers eat meals provided by the chief clerk they don't have to deduct that from their per diem. If they eat out, they are supposed to do so.

The flip side of catered meals is an issue of practicality. You've got 201 members in caucus, or on the floor. They can't break, go their own way, an all buy individual dinners in Harrisburg. If the wine and beer is flowing, some might not come back.

A simple solution to prevent double dipping would be a new House rule that reduces per diems by a certain amount on days the clerk's office is providing dinner.

Lawmakers who eat free are pocketing lots of money.

On former Rep. Frank LaGrotta's blog — lagrottablog.blogspot.com — the Lawrence County Democrat recently recalled a song sung regularly by former Rep. Gerard Kosinski, a Philadelphia Democrat, whenever the House took the Master Roll Call, to the tune of "Maria" in West Side story:

"Per diem,
"I just got another per diem.
For coming to the floor.
And doing nothing more,
"All day...
Per diem...
"My goal is to save my per diem.
"To eat and drink all day,
"While lobbyists, they pay,
"For me..."

Brad Bumsted is the Tribune-Review's state Capitol reporter.

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TV GUIDE
SWINE FLU COULD KILL 90,000 IN U.S.

Quieting a noisy neighborhood

Cokie and Steve **ROBERTS**

AMMAN, Jordan — "We live in a quiet house in a noisy neighborhood." Our tour guide's assessment aptly sums up the difference between his native Jordan and other countries in the Middle East, a difference created almost 15 years ago when Jordan signed the historic peace treaty with Israel. If Jordan's neighbor to the north, Syria, ever hopes to benefit from a reduced-noise level, it will have to make peace as well, and the Obama administration needs to play a key role in that effort.

Bustling Amman, with its sprinkling of McDonald's, Pizza Huts and Popeyes, has the air — for better or worse — of a modern Western city. The investment by those foreign companies is just a small sign of the fruits of Jordan's decision to recognize Israel and open the borders between the countries. Another one: Tourists flocking into the country, including Israeli tourists visiting Dead Sea spas, brought in more than $3 billion last year. At the ancient and spectacular carved city of Petra, three hours south of here, visitors chattered away in a dozen languages.

The treaty itself also provided some critical building blocks for prosperity — granting Jordan crucial water rights in this increasingly dry region, and creating free-trade zones that have produced thousands of jobs in a country where the per-capita income still hovers below $3,000 a year, with the promise of more jobs to come.

Though we can now measure the progress made possible by the treaty, it took guts to make it happen. Jordan was blessed with a leader willing to ignore the condemnation of his noisy neighbors and to court unrest in Jordan's Palestinian-refugee population — estimated at 2 million. King Hussein was ready to risk his life (he survived at least a dozen assassination attempts) and reputation for the long-term good of his country. Pictures of the beloved late king dot the countryside, along with those of his son, King Abdullah II, who is following in his father's footsteps in his relations with Israel and the West.

Similar father and son portraits decorate the highways and city streets in neighboring Syria. And there, too, the son, Bashar al-Assad, is following in the footsteps of his notorious father, Hafez al-Assad. Unfortunately. Over the last three years, Syria has reportedly spent more than $3 billion on weapons, presumably aimed at Israel, and the use of Damascus as a safe haven for some of the world's worst terrorist organizations, plus continued Syrian meddling in Lebanon, caused President Obama to extend sanctions imposed by the Bush administration.

Syria's pariah status is apparent at the country's great historic sites where Western tourists are few and Americans nonexistent. In late-night strolls around Aleppo's shopping district where families crowded the shops after the Ramadan fast-breaking meal, women wearing long coats and headscarves smiled welcomingly as we wandered among them. These were not people hostile to Americans, a point our tour guide was eager to stress.

Obviously, a guide has a self-interest in welcoming foreigners, and ours talked with great pride about the fact that his country is secular and safe. But he looks at Jordan, where tourism is far healthier and incomes are about a thousand dollars higher per person, and concludes sadly that Syria cannot compete unless it makes peace with Israel.

For a while last year, it looked as if the adversaries might come to the table. Indirect talks with Turkey as mediator were under way when renewed hostilities in Gaza sent Syria scurrying away. But al-Assad knows he needs to return to talks to win back the Golan Heights, occupied by Israel since 1967. Its water supplies are vital to Syria's future.

As President Obama took office, he received a good deal of published advice to pursue a Syrian-Israeli agreement before pushing for a more elusive Palestinian peace plan. Bringing Syria in out of the cold, the argument goes, could quiet a very noisy house. And several U.S. representatives, including Middle East special envoy George Mitchell, have traveled to Damascus to try to restart discussions.

It hasn't helped that Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has authorized the building of hundreds of new houses in the West Bank. But in this part of the world, there will always be a reason not to talk — al-Assad, with the help of the United States, must find the courage to ignore those reasons as King Hussein did. He should follow in his neighbor's footsteps, not his father's.

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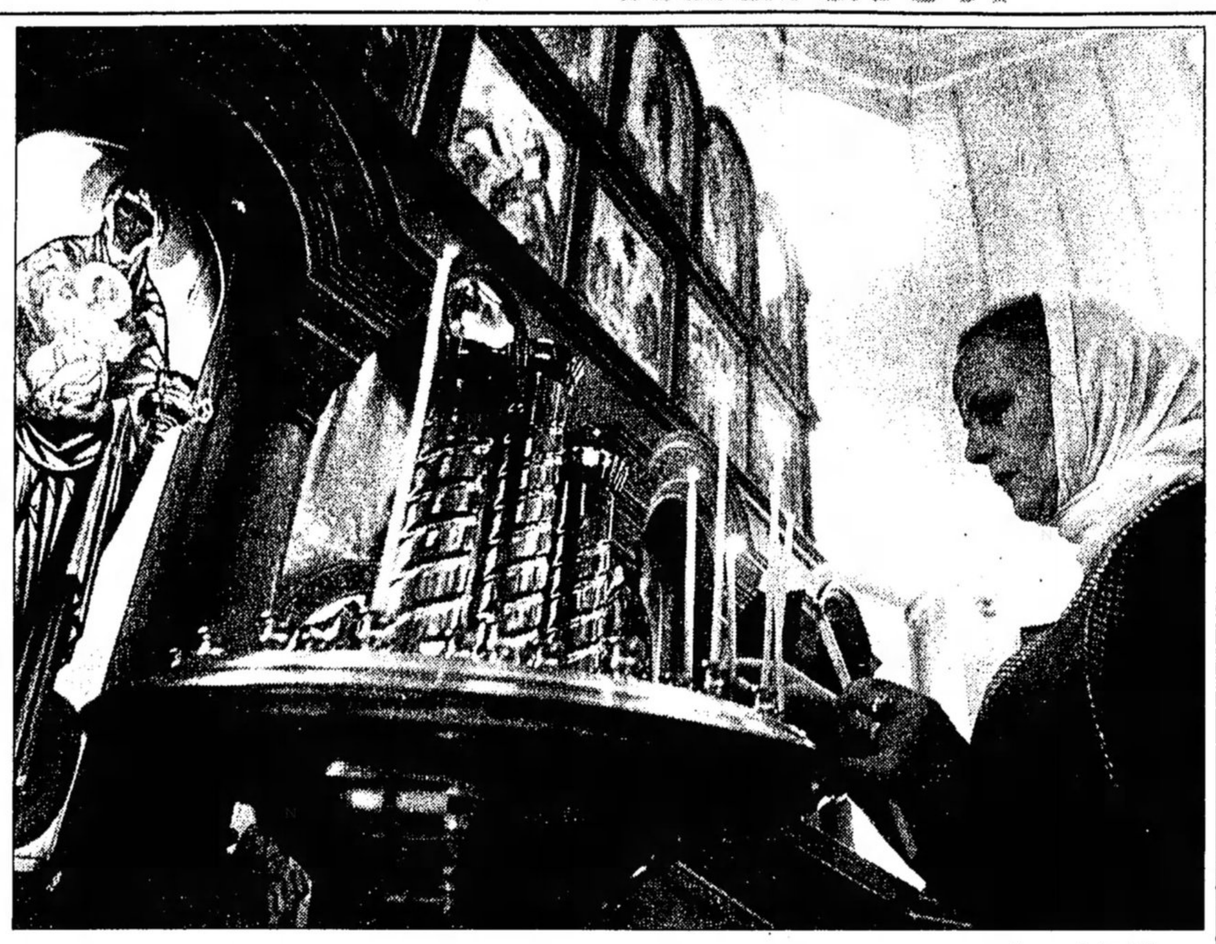
RELIGION

Services worldwide recall 9-11

Woman at right puts up a candle in the Church of St. Catherine in Moscow during a service in remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001, terror attack victims, Friday, - the eighth anniversary of the attacks. Services were conducted at churches worldwide on Friday to commemorate victims of the event.



Associated Press

Breakaway Episcopalians look to U.S. high court

Litigation is part of a long-running rift over what the Bible says about gay relationships and many other issues.

By MICHELLE RINDELS
Associated Press Writer

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Marcia Kear's three daughters were married at St. James Anglican Church. Her mother's funeral was there. She said she found the Holy Spirit there.

But she may have to give up the bayside sanctuary, where sunlight filters through watery blue stained-glass windows and glints off the flawless copper pipes of an organ purchased with parishioners' tithes.

Kear is among theologically conservative breakaway Episcopalians fighting over parish property in a long-running rift over how churchgoers should interpret what the Bible says about gay relationships and many other issues.

St. James Anglican, in the Diocese of Los Angeles, is one of several dozen individual parishes and four dioceses nationwide that voted to split from the national church after the 2003 consecration of the first openly gay Episcopal bishop in New Hampshire.

"It's not just about the building, it's about the church," said Kear, 70, who participates in group prayers for the property even while she says the congregation could continue without it.

The congregation may have to do just that. State courts have sided with the Los Angeles diocese throughout the five-year legal case, most recently in January. St. James has filed a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court in hopes that it might take up what has so far been a losing battle. St. James expects to know next month whether the nation's highest court will take the case.

Two other seceding parishes — All Saints Church in Long Beach and St. David's Church in North Hollywood — are parties in the lawsuit. A high court decision could also affect the Fresno-based Diocese of San Joaquin, one of the dioceses that voted to split off and is now involved in a complex property dispute with the national church.

Both sides make similar claims to the individual properties beyond their legal positions. Each has strong emotional and spiritual ties to the parishes, and views its interpretation of Scripture as the right one. Traditional Episcopalians believe that the Bible bars gay relationships; liberal Episcopalians emphasize social justice teachings of Scripture.

The Episcopal Church has argued that its rules bar anyone from walking away with denomination property, which often includes large endowments and land worth millions of dollars. Theological conservatives who want to separate say they have spent years, even decades, spending money to maintain and improve the buildings.

The 2-million-member denomination also includes many parishioners who disagree on the issues, but don't see the rift as a reason to leave. Los Angeles Bishop Jon Bruno issued a letter to the diocese's parishioners urging reconciliation.

"The Episcopal Church continues its long tradition of welcoming among its members a diversity of opinion, including loyal dissent. Our church remains a large tent expansive enough to include many views and voices while united in common prayer," he wrote. "I ask each of us to keep working for reconciliation and renewal within this diocese."

But reconciliation is a long shot.

Committing to leave the Episcopal Church five years ago and risking litigation was a somber decision for the St. James parish, especially because ties to the buildings run deep.

Kear remembers an expansion project about eight years ago when parishioners wrote prayers on scraps of paper and set them in the cement of the new sanctuary's foundation.

There was "really a feeling (we were) building the new building," Kear said.

Chad Sutton, a member of St. James' lay leadership committee, said it's particularly painful to hand the property to leaders with such different theological views.

"The prayers that have gone on at that altar — it almost gives you goosebumps," Sutton said. "The saints that have gone before us and surrendered their lives, confessed their sins there — that has some significance."

St. James has aligned with the Anglican Church of North America, a network of seceding Episcopal parishes and other congregations that was formed by theological conservatives as a rival to the Episcopal Church. At recent Sunday services in Newport Beach, parishioners voiced prayers for "our legal situation."

Beyond awaiting word from the U.S. Supreme Court, there is no timeline for when the separationist parishes might hand over the grounds.

Sutton hopes, at least, it can wait a few months.

He and his wife are expecting a baby, and he said he knows exactly where they would like to have the child christened.

Mass, celebration planned for ordination anniversary

Sunday event marks the 30th anniversary of the Rev. Joseph Feltz's ordination.

An outdoor Mass and celebration are planned 3 p.m. Sunday at the St. Anthony Festa grounds in Monongahela to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Joseph Feltz, church pastor.

The festivities will begin with a Mass of thanksgiving.

Feltz's journey to the priesthood began in 1970 at St. Paul Seminary in Pittsburgh. In 1973, he served at Kane Hospital and then attended Mt. St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., from 1974 to 1979.

He was ordained a deacon in 1978 and his first assignment was at the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Elwood City.

On Sept. 29, 1979, he was ordained at St. Paul Cathedral in Oakland and his first parish assignment was at the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Midland, now St. Blaise Parish, until 1984, when he was assigned to St. Paul Parish in Butler.

From 1987 to 1994, he was assigned to St. Anne's Parish in Castle Shannon.

In 1994, he was assigned to the Mon Valley, serving for a brief period at St. Jerome Parish, now Mary Mother of the Church in Charleroi. Later that year, he became pastor of St. Anthony Parish, where he still serves.

Being a member of the local Monongahela Ministerium Association, he is well known throughout the community.

Sunday's outdoor, picnic-style event is being sponsored by the St. Anthony Holy Name Society and the Festa Committee.

VALLEY CHURCH BRIEFS

Roscoe church lists fall schedule

The fall schedule will return Sunday at the Roscoe Presbyterian Church.

The Adult Faith Seekers class will return at 9:30 a.m. in the church manse. The discussion is led by the Rev. Millie Adams.

Morning worship returns to the 11 a.m. starting time. The chancel choir will have its first practice after church and sing the following Sunday.

The Janet Ray Circle will meet noon Monday in Fellowship Hall. Tuesday Sunday school will begin 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Missions session set in Mon City

Missions Conference 2009 will be held Sept. 18, 19 and 20 at the First Baptist Church, 601 East Main St., Monongahela.

On Friday, doors will open at 6:45 p.m. (nursery and children's ministry provided). Presentations will start at 7 p.m. Features will include Cornerstone Television, Options Resource and Washington City Missions. Light refreshments will follow.

On Saturday, young and old will meet in the church parking lot at 10 a.m. for community service. Those who are not able to perform the community service will meet in the sanctuary for a time of prayer. At 1 p.m., the group will return back to the church parking lot for a picnic. Following the picnic, entertainment will be provided.

On Sunday, Missionary Walt White will present the worship service at 10 a.m., followed by a light luncheon in fellowship hall.

BV church changes worship schedule

The First Presbyterian Church of Belle Vernon will return to the regular worship time of 10:45 a.m. Sunday.

Sunday school will start at 9:30 a.m.

Communion will be served at the 10:45 a.m. worship service and a coffee hour will immediately follow in fellowship hall.

Author to speak in N. Charleroi

Mel Walker will speak at Calvary Bible Church, 990 Fourth Street Extension, North Charleroi, 6 p.m. Sept. 19 and 10 a.m. Sept. 20.

Walker is the co-founder and president of Vision For Youth Inc. and has authored several books related to youth and youth ministry. He is a popular speaker each year at churches, conferences, camps and retreats, both nationally and internationally. He will be speaking on the subject "The Development of Your Life Message: What Is God Doing in and Through Your Life?"

For information, call (724) 483-6108.

BV church lists annual picnic

The First United Methodist of Belle Vernon will hold its annual picnic and church service 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Cedar Creek Park in Rostraver Township, pavilion 16. Bring your favorite covered dish.

Rally Day set in Monessen

Gate of Heaven Church of God in Christ, 644 Reed Ave., Monessen, will hold a Rally Day 4 p.m. Sunday.

There will be praise and worship by Missionary Anita Yuille, Gary Anderson, Deacon Marvin Davis and Missionary Jessica Anderson. There will be musical selections from Mt. Calvary Baptist Church choir and also Light of the World choir.

Guest speaker will be Bishop Karl Jackson, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Monessen.

The ending prayer and benediction will be given by the Rev. William C. Bass.

Kickoff service planned in Donora

St. John Episcopal Church, Tenth Street and Thompson Avenue, Donora, will have a Fall Kickoff Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Guest organist will be Betty Frick, and guest violinist will be Nancy McCathren.

A picnic lunch will be held immediately following the service.

Guest preacher due in Donora

St. Paul Baptist Church, 49 South McKean Ave., Donora, will welcome the Rev. Bobby Smith for the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service.

Smith is an associate minister at First Baptist Church of West Mifflin where the Rev. George Williams is the senior pastor. Smith is a graduate of Upsala College in Newark, N.J., where he obtained his bachelor of arts in religion and philosophy. He is continuing his religious studies at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Smith is employed as a life skills worker in the Drug and Alcohol Program in Pittsburgh.

He and his wife, Jewel, reside in Pittsburgh.

Youth Sunday will be observed with the youth of the church being highlighted during the service.

A continental breakfast will be served from 9:30 to 10 a.m. when the church begins its Sunday school classes.

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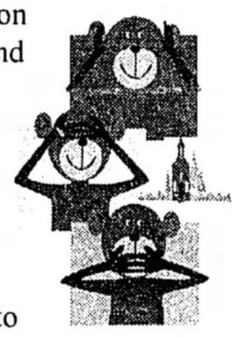
Goodness

The sixth virtue mentioned by St. Paul as a fruit of the spirit is goodness, a translation of the Greek work "agathosune," derived from agathos, meaning good. (Galatians 5:22) This type of goodness is perhaps best expressed by the notion of being virtuous or doing good to, and for others. We exemplify this virtue when we help someone across the street or donate money to a charity. But of course, we also manifest goodness in our daily interactions with others, such as when we speak kindly to people and try our best to help them. A person who tries to be good in every aspect of their life is following the path of virtue and is truly a child of God. We rightly think of God as someone who is good all the time, unlike His children, who struggle mightily with a variety of temptations. And, this goodness or virtue, or goodwill, is really the only thing that is unconditionally good. Every other virtue, if combined with a bad will, becomes bad. Intelligence is good, but if used by someone with bad intentions, it becomes depraved. Likewise, wealth can be a good thing if used for good ends, but, when used by someone with evil intent, wealth becomes a means of advancing evil. Only goodness, or a good will, is good in and of itself.



Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.
R.S.V. Ephesians 5:8-10

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TV LISTINGS

Girl finds nothing right about dating Mr. Wrong

Dear ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I'm 19 and currently dating a guy I can't stand.

I don't know what to do.

He's leaving next year and my friends tell me I should just bear with it until then. I don't know if I can.

He doesn't respect my opinions, makes fun of my taste in music and literature and is basically a know-it-all.

Religion is also an issue: He's an atheist and I'm a Christian.

I don't feel comfortable being serious with someone who has no qualms about calling my beliefs "b.s." to my face as well as behind my back.

I also don't feel comfortable with premarital sex, but he's sure he can change my mind. He constantly reminds me how "patient" he can be about it.

Abby, it's such a mess. I feel like hiding in my room and not answering the phone. — **DESPERATE IN TUCSON**

DEAR DESPERATE: It's time to stand up for yourself.

Do not hide or avoid picking up the phone.

The next time that egotistical creep — and that's what he is — calls, say, "It's over!"

If he asks why, tell him you're not interested in having anything to do with anyone who belittles you and calls your religious beliefs "b.s.," and regardless of how "patient" he is, you will never sleep with him.

Do not talk to him after that.

Screen your calls, and if he asks to see you "just one more time," avoid him.

DEAR ABBY: All of my boyfriend "Alex's" close friends have been in jail or in rehab. I know they're good people who made some poor choices, but I don't like associating with them or inviting them to events with my friends and family.

Alex understands why they're not invited and hangs out with them on his own time, and I understand that he's loyal to his friends.

Alex has a good job. He comes from a good family and makes good decisions in life.

None of his friends can say the same.

I realize my boyfriend is different from them, but I'm concerned about why he continues associating with them.

Can you help me understand? — **CHOOSY IN SAN JOSE**

DEAR CHOOSY: Your boyfriend associates with them because he is comfortable with them, and I don't blame you for being concerned. Granted, Alex comes from a good family, has a good job and makes "good decisions in life." But I'd be worried, too, if my boyfriend surrounded himself only with people who have had serious problems. It could indicate that although Alex has everything going for him, he may not feel good about himself.

DEAR ABBY: I recently baby-sat with my 4-year-old grandson for almost a week. During that time I noticed he was using the word "ain't." My daughter, a college graduate, lives about an hour away in a more rural area. She became very defensive when I mentioned it, and told me it is accepted in the South and he will continue to use that word.

I am concerned about the limiting effect I feel this may have on my grandson's future life and opportunities. What are your thoughts on this issue, and how should I behave? — **GRAMMAR GRANDMA IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR GRANDMA: Parents who fail to teach their children proper grammar are doing their children no favor. Obviously, your grandson is mimicking the kind of speech he's hearing around him — and probably at home.

How should you behave? Continue to model proper English grammar when he's with you, encourage him to use it and remind him when he forgets.

(Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.)

SATURDAY EVENING — SEPTEMBER 12, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS 2 KDKA 7 WTRF 10 WTAJ	2 KDKA-TV News (N) 7 News (N) 10 WTAJ News at 6 (N)	CBS Evening News	2 News 7 Top Country Hits of the Nineties 10 Edition	2 The Insider 10 Two and a Half Men Alan double-dates with Evelyn.	U.S. Open Tennis Women's Final. From the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. (Live)				48 Hours Mystery "Toxic" Investigating the death of a scientist.		2 KDKA-TV News at 11 7 News 10 WTAJ News at 11	2 (:35) Steelers Trivia Challenge 7 CSI: NY 10 (:35) At the Movies	2 10 (12:05) CSI: NY "Fare Game" A fantasy game leads to murder.	7 CSI: Miami "Payback" The CSIs probe the murder of a rapist.	2 (:05) CSI: Miami "The Score" 10 (:05) Cold Case "Fireflies"	7 Cold Case "Fireflies"	2 (:05) Cold Case 10 (:05) Without a Trace	7 Inside Edition Weekend
ABC 4 WTAE 23 WATM	(3:30) College Football Notre Dame at Michigan. (Live)		4 Channel 4 Action News 23 NASCAR Countdown	NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Chevy Rock & Roll 400. From Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va. (Live)								4 Ch. 4 News 23 News	4 (12:05) Monk 23 (12:05) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		4 (:05) Access Hollywood (N) 23 (:05) Legend of the Seeker "Bloodline"		4 Movies 23 Housewives	4 (:35) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC 6 WJAC 9 WTOV 11 WPXI	6 WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) 9 News 11 Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	6 Judge Judy 9 Wheel of Fortune 11 Jerome Bettis Show	6 Judge Judy 9 Cash Explosion 11 Jeopardy!	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Lady's Man" Host of a TV crime show washes up on a bank of the East River.		Law & Order "Skate or Die" Detectives investigate three murders that appear to be the work of a serial killer.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Liberties" Detectives question a convicted serial killer.		6 WJAC-TV News 9 News 11 Ch. 11 News	6 9 (:29) Saturday Night Live Justin Timberlake; Ciara. 11 Saturday Night Live Justin Timberlake; Ciara.			6 9 (:03) Star Trek 11 (:04) Jerome Bettis Show	11 (:33) NASCAR Angels	6 (:03) Missing (N) 9 (:03) Lost 11 (:01) Da Vinci's Inquest	6 (:33) Storm Stories "Animal Stories: Ivan Alabama Zoo" Hurricane Ivan.
FOX 8 WWCP 53 WPGH	(4:00) MLB Baseball New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia.		8 Paid Programming 53 Friends	8 Paid Programming 53 Seinfeld	Cops Suspect resists arrests. (PA)	Cops "Liar, Liar No. 4" Domestic violence call.	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back Baby sitter stands accused of killing a toddler.		8 News 53 Channel 11 News	8 Everybody-Raymond 53 Paid Program	Talkshow With Spike Feresten Lisa Kudrow; Todd Barry; the Submarines.		Sit Down, Shut Up Salacious stories. (N) (PA)	8 Chappelle's Show 53 Paid Programming	8 Seinfeld 53 Sex and the City	8 The Insider (N) 53 Sex and the City	8 Paid Programming 53 Foreclosure Profits	8 Paid Prog 53 RightSide With
13 WQED	Members' Favorite		Members' Favorite										Members' Favorite					
19 WPCW	Without a Trace "Odds or Evens"		CSI: Miami The CSIs probe the murder of a rapist.		House "Skin Deep"		Steelers Saturday Night		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Steelers TV	Legend of the Seeker "Conversion"		The King of Queens	★ "Crossover" (2006, Drama) Wesley Jonathan. Two athlete friends take a fateful trip to Los Angeles.			
22 WPMY	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Family Guy	Family Guy	★ "From Justin to Kelly" (2003) Kelly Clarkson.				'70s Show	'70s Show	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	It's Alive! Join your house.				One on One	Bring Wall St
40 WPCB	Something Fresh		Influence	Jewish Voice	Lord-Yours	The Drive TV	Day of Miracles Sept. 11.		Van Impe	Quick Study	Wisdom	ATF.tv	Greater Works Outreach		Theater	Rochouse	Manna-Fest	Gospel Truth
59 WBGN	UFC Wired		American Idol Rewind		Dead Like Me "Always"		Stargate Atlantis		It's Alive!				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami "Rampage"		CSI: Miami "High Octane"		CSI: Miami "Broken Home"		CSI: Miami "Rush"		CSI: Miami		The Sopranos		CSI: Miami "Broken Home"		CSI: Miami "Rush"		CSI: Miami	
ABCFAM	"Confessions"		★★ "A Cinderella Story" (2004) Hilary Duff.				"Another Cinderella Story" (2008) Selena Gomez.				Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
AMC	(5:30) ★★★ "Lethal Weapon" (1987) Mel Gibson.				★★★ "Lethal Weapon 2" (1989, Action) Mel Gibson. Premiere.					★★★ "Lethal Weapon 3" (1992, Action) Mel Gibson. Premiere.					★★ "Blown Away" (1994, Suspense) Jeff Bridges.			
ANPL	Underdog to Wonderdog		Yellowstone Bison		Me or Dog	Me or Dog	Dogs 101		It's Me or the Dog		Dogs 101		Me or Dog	Me or Dog	It's Me or the Dog		Yellowstone Bison	
BBC	Top Gear		Torchwood		Robin Hood		Robin Hood "Total Eclipse"		The Graham Norton Show		Robin Hood		Robin Hood "Total Eclipse"		The Graham Norton Show		Robin Hood	
BET	(4:30) Ballou	"Pressure Cooker" (2008, Documentary) Premiere.					Bring Game	Heart of the City		Steve Harvey: Still Trippin' Stand-up routine.					Lens on Talent		Played-Fame	Played-Fame
BRAVO	Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		★★★ "Training Day" (2001) Denzel Washington, Ethan Hawke.					★★★ "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991) Arnold Schwarzenegger.						Top Chef
CMT	(5:00) ★★★ "Urban Cowboy" (1980) John Travolta.				★★★ "Pure Country" (1992) George Strait, Lesley Ann Warren.				Cribs		The Singing Bee		The Singing Bee		The Singing Bee		The Singing Bee	
CNBC	Paid Prog	Slim in 6	Marijuana Inc.: Pot Industry		American Greed		The Suze Orman Show (N)		Dirty Money: Prostitution		American Greed		The Suze Orman Show		As Seen on TV		Paid Prog	Paid Prog
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Newsroom	
COM	"Blue Collar Comedy Tour: The Movie"		★★ "Blue Collar Comedy Tour Rides Again" (2004)						Jeff Foxworthy-Committed		★★ "Run Ronnie Run!" (2002) David Cross. Premiere.				Rodney Carrington		"Trailer Park Boys"	
CSPAN	President	Commun.	America & the Courts		American Perspectives						American Perspectives						C-SPAN Weekend	
DISC	Man vs. Wild		Man vs. Wild "Oregon"		Man vs. Wild		Man vs. Wild "Alabama"		Man vs. Wild "Vietnam"		Man vs. Wild		Man vs. Wild "Alabama"		Man vs. Wild "Vietnam"		Man vs. Wild "Oregon"	
DISNEY	Montana	Montana	"Princess Protection Program" (2009)		(:40) "Hatching Pete" (2009, Comedy) Jason Dolley.					Montana	Wizards	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	★★ "Never Been Kissed"		Soup	Soup	20 Best and Worst Celebrity Plastic Surgery Stories				Comedians	Comedians	The Soup	Chelsea	Soup	Soup	Kardashians	Kardashians	The Soup	Chelsea
ESPN	College Football		Scoreboard		College Football USC at Ohio State. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live)		College Football Final		SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	Boxing		Boxing		Boxing: Kirilov vs. Perez		Boxing		Boxing		2006 World Series of Poker		2006 World Series of Poker		2006 World Series of Poker		2006 World Series of Poker	
ESPN2	Football	Scoreboard	College Football South Carolina at Georgia. (Live)						Baseball Tonight (Live)			NASCAR Now (Live)		Baseball Tonight		College Football UCLA at Tennessee.		
EWTN	(5:15) Eucharistic Congress		Mother Angelica-Classic		"Karol: The Pope, the Man" (2006)			Holy Rosary	Fr. John Corapi		The Journey Home		Daily Mass: Our Lady		Fr. Corapi		An Empire Conquered	
FNC	America's News HQ		FOX Report		Huckabee		Special Programming		Geraldo at Large		Jrnl Edit. Rpt	News Watch	Red Eye		Geraldo at Large		Huckabee	
FOOD	Best Thing	Boitano	Paula's Party		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America	
FSN	College Football		College Football Westminster at Allegheny. (Live)							College Football Purdue at Oregon. (Joined in Progress) (Live)						Reloaded	Savran on SportsBeat	
FX	(5:00) ★★★ "In Her Shoes" (2005) Cameron Diaz.				★★★ "The Devil Wears Prada" (2006, Comedy) Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway.						Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
GOLF	Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf Nationwide Tour -- Utah Championship -- Third Round.						LPGA Tour Golf: P&G Beauty NW Ark. Champ.				Golf Central	Golf Walker Cup -- Day 1.				PGA Tour Golf: Nationwide	
GSN	1 vs. 100		Deal or No Deal		20Q		Deal or No Deal		The Money List		20Q		Deal or No Deal		The Money List		1 vs. 100	
HALL	"Mystery Woman"		"Mystery Woman: At First Sight" (2006) Kellie Martin.				"Citizen Jane" (2009) Ally Sheedy. Premiere.				(:02) "Citizen Jane" (2009) Ally Sheedy.				"Citizen Jane" (2009) Ally Sheedy, Meat Loaf Aday.			
HGTV	To Sell	Income Prop.	For Rent	House	Divine	Genevieve	Color Splash	Color Splash	House	House	Rate	Pure Design	Divine	Genevieve	Color Splash	Color Splash	House	House
HIST	The Crumbling of America		Modern Marvels		★★★★ "Unforgiven" (1992, Western) Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman.						Wild West Tech		★★★★ "Unforgiven" (1992, Western) Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman.					
LIFE	"When Innocence Is Lost"		"No One Would Tell" (1996) Candace Cameron.				★ "Mother, May I Sleep With Danger?" (1996)				Project Runway		Models	Frasier	How I Met	How I Met	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	To Catch an ID Thief The crime of identity theft.				Caught on Camera		Lockup		Lockup		Caught on Camera		Lockup		Lockup		To Catch a Con Man	
MTV	World's Strictest Parents		World's Strictest Parents		World's Strictest Parents		Making His Band		Pranked	Pranked	Fantasy	Fantasy	Nitro Circus	Nitro Circus	Beatdown	Beatdown	Pranked	Pranked
NICK	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly (N)	Jackson	iCarly	iCarly	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	George	George	Hates Chris	Hates Chris
OXY	★★ "The Lake House" (2006) Keanu Reeves.				★★ "Practical Magic" (1998) Sandra Bullock.				★★ "Practical Magic" (1998) Sandra Bullock.				★★ "Cellular" (2004) Kim Basinger, Chris Evans.				Snapped "Susan Grund"	
PCN	PCN PM - pcntv.com				PCN Primetime - pcntv.com		High School Football				High School Football Canon-McMillian vs. Pittsburgh Central Catholic.						Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	PCNC News		PCNC News		NAACP Dinner		PCNC News		Best of Pittsburgh Now		PCNC News	PCNC News	Paid Prog.	PCNC News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	PCNC News
SPIKE	The Ultimate Fighter		The Ultimate Fighter		The Ultimate Fighter		The Ultimate Fighter					★★★ "Sin City" (2005, Crime Drama) Jessica Alba, Devon Aoki.					Ways to Die	Ways to Die
SYFY	"Ginger Snaps"		"Thor: Hammer of the Gods" (2009) Zachery Ty Bryan.				"Lightning Strikes" (2009) Kevin Sorbo. Premiere.				(:01) "Black Hole" (2006) Judd Nelson, Robert Giardina.				"Lightning Strikes" (2009, Suspense) Kevin Sorbo.			
TBS	(5:00) ★★ "I Spy" (2002)		★★★ "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me"				Bill Engvall	Bill Engvall	★★ "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" (1994) Jim Carrey.				Bill Engvall	Bill Engvall	★★ "Yours, Mine & Ours" (2005) Dennis Quaid.			
TCM	★★ "Point Blank" (1967) Lee Marvin, Angie Dickinson.				★★★ "The Long, Hot Summer" (1958) Paul Newman.				★★★ "The Three Faces of Eve" (1957, Drama)				★★★ "Summer Wishes, Winter Dreams" (1973)				"Count Three and Pray"	
TLC	Little Couple	Little Couple	Little Couple	Little Couple	Little Couple	Little Couple	Ultimate Cake Off		Moving Up (N)		Little Couple	Little Couple	Ultimate Cake Off		Moving Up		Little Couple	Little Couple
TNT	★★ "Underworld" (2003, Horror) Kate Beckinsale.				★★★ "300" (2007, Action) Gerard Butler, Lena Headey.					★★ "The Chronicles of Riddick" (2004) Vin Diesel, Colm Feore.					★★ "Doom" (2005) The Rock, Karl Urban.			
TOON	Total Drama	Total Drama	Total Drama	Total Drama	"Naruto the Movie: Ninja Clash in the Land of Snow"				King of Hill	King of Hill	The PJs	Boondocks	Star Wars	Bleach (N)	Bleach (N)	Moribito	Code Geass	Full Metal
TRAVEL	(5:00) World Poker Tour		Bizarre Foods: Asia		★★★ "Lost in Translation" (2003) Bill Murray.				Anthony Bourdain		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	★★★ "Lost in Translation" (2003) Bill Murray.				Anthony Bourdain	
TRUTV	Speeders	Speeders	Most Daring		Most Daring		Most Daring		Most Daring		Forensic	Forensic	Power, Privilege & Justice		Power, Privilege & Justice		Power, Privilege & Justice	
TVLAND	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	J Grisham	★★ "Alpha Dog" (2006) Bruce Willis.				★★★ "The Bourne Identity" (2002, Suspense) Matt Damon.					Psych		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		WWE A.M. Raw (N)	
VH1	TO Show	★★ "Roll Bounce" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Bow Wow, Chi McBride.					Behind the Music		Tool Academy		My Antonio Hula love story.		Real Chance of Love		For the Love of Ray J		For the Love of Ray J	
VS.	College Football		Sports Soup	Sports	Bull Riding		Bull Riding PBR Reno Invitational. From Reno, Nev.				Bull Riding PBR Reno Invitational. From Reno, Nev.				Cycling	PBR Bull	Bull Riding	
WE	The Locator		The Locator	The Locator	The Locator	The Locator	The Locator		Adoption Diaries		The Locator		Adoption Diaries		The Locator		Adoption Diaries	
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Boston Legal		★★★ "Never Say Never Again" (1983, Action) Sean Connery.					WGN News	Scrubs	Scrubs	Bullwinkle	★★★ "Never Say Never Again" (1983, Action) Sean Connery.				
ENC	Shawshnk	★ "Billy Madison" (1995) Adam Sandler.			★★★ "Scarface" (1983, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Michelle Pfeiffer.						(10:50) ★★ "From Dusk Till Dawn"			(:40) ★ "Redline" (2007) Nathan Phillips.			(:15) ★★★ "Scarface"	
HBO	(:15) ★★ "Journey to the Center of the Earth" (2008)				★★★ "Hellboy II: The Golden Army" (2008) Premiere.				Mayweather	Hard Knocks		★★★ "Hellboy II: The Golden Army" (2008)				Mayweather	(:05) ★★ "Semi-Pro"	
MAX	"Mummy: Dragon Emp."		★★★ "American Gangster" (2007) Denzel Washington, Russell Crowe.						★★ "Body of Lies" (2008) Leonardo DiCaprio.				Lingerie	Sex Games	(:15) Sex Games Cancun		(1:50) ★ "Say It Isn't So"	
SHOW	"I'm Through"		Inside the NFL (iTV)		★★★ "The Bank Job" (2008) Jason Statham. iTV.				Boxing Mikkel Kessler vs. Gusmyl Perdomo. (Live)					★★ "Rambo" (2008) Sylvester Stallone.			(:05) ★★★ "Scream" iTV.	
STARZ	(5:15) ★★ "First Sunday"		★★★ "Superbad" (2007, Comedy) Jonah Hill.				★★ "Sex Drive" (2008) Josh Zuckerman. Premiere.				(10:50) ★★ "The House Bunny" (2008)			(:35) ★★ "Bring It On" (2000) Kirsten Dunst.				(:20) Next

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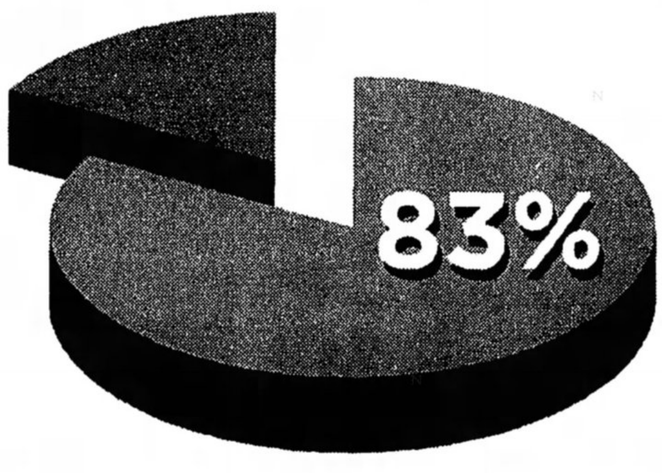

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COMICS

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THEN WALK AROUND THE STORE MODELING THEM IN ALL THE MIRRORS TO SEE IF YOUR HIPS LOOK BETTER IN DIFFERENT LIGHT!
THEN STAND ON YOUR TOES AND IMAGINE HOW SKINNY YOUR LEGS WILL LOOK IN BOOTS!
THEN SQUINT INTO THIS TINY PURSE MIRROR AND SEE IF YOU CAN GET A GOOD LOOK AT YOUR REAR!
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YES! YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO BE EMBARRASSED BY OWNING JEANS THAT DIDN'T FIT WELL!

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TELL ME YOU'RE KIDDING!
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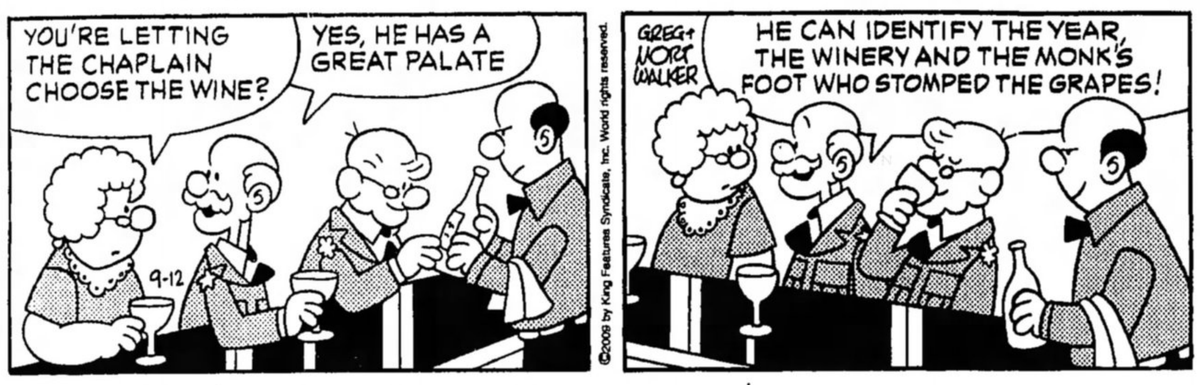
YOU'RE LETTING THE CHAPLAIN CHOOSE THE WINE?
YES, HE HAS A GREAT PALATE
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HE CAN IDENTIFY THE YEAR, THE WINERY AND THE MONK'S FOOT WHO STOMPED THE GRAPES!
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GUNTHER, DON'T YOU EVER WONDER IF THE SUN GOES OUT AT NIGHT?
YOU KNOW, YOU ARE AN IDIOT'S IDIOT!
OBVIOUSLY IT GOES OUT AT NIGHT, OR IT WOULD BURN ITSELF OUT FROM ALL THAT HEAT!
WELL, EXCUSE ME FOR NOT BEING AN ASTROLOGY BUFF
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GLADYS! HAVE YOU SEEN MY CELL PHONE?
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE MISPLACED IT AGAIN, BRUTUS.
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I THINK YOU MEAN "SORRY" NOT "SALTY."
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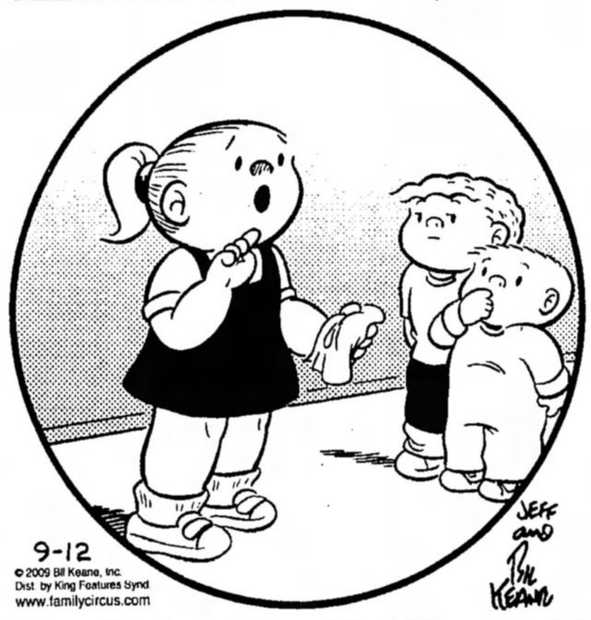

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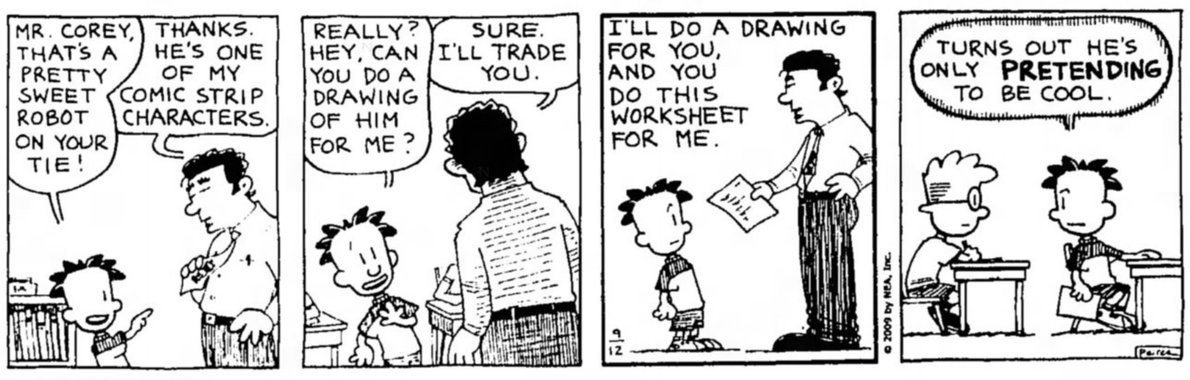
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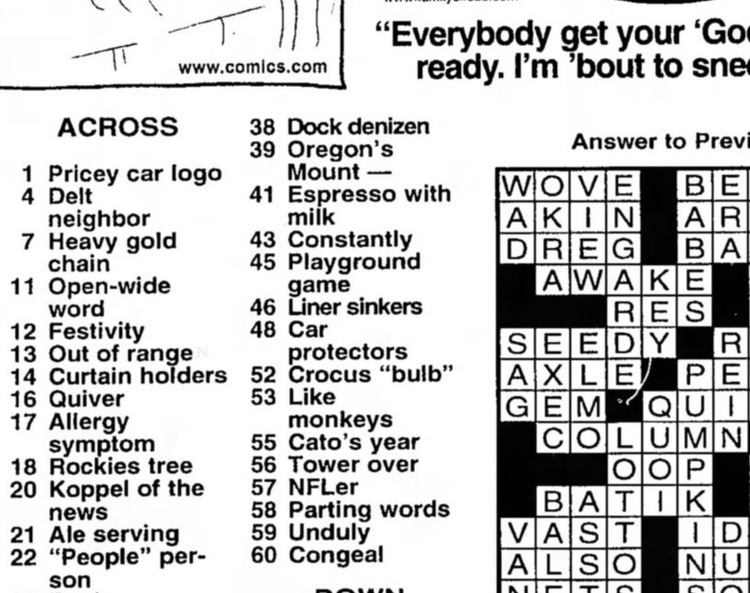

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Whole-grain pasta getting easier to love

Quality and taste have improved in this healthy alternative.

By JIM ROMANOFF
For The Associated Press

Not so long ago, whole-wheat pasta tasted too much like the boxes it came in.

Much has changed. At many grocers, the whole-wheat or multigrain pasta selection can take up more than a quarter of the section, and the quality and taste have improved considerably.

This is good news because whole-grain pastas, compared to their white-flour equivalents, are a much better source of the fiber and nutrients that get stripped away when grains are refined.

If you have a hard time switching from your favorite refined pastas, experiment with brands until you find one that has a satisfactorily mild flavor. Or transition by mixing half whole-grain and half refined pastas when preparing your favorite dishes.

Of course, the flavors of some dishes are specifically created for whole-grain flavors, such as bigoli (a traditional Italian buckwheat pasta) with caramelized onions and anchovies.

The key to such dishes is the bold flavors that are brought in to match the assertiveness of the whole-grain pasta.

Whole-grain pasta with shrimp, tomatoes and feta cheese is another delicious example of this kind of flavor pairing.

Healthy, low-in-fat shrimp, acidic tomatoes, pungent garlic, oregano and salty olives and feta cheese balance out whole-grain linguine. To complete the meal, serve with a salad of romaine lettuce dressed with a lemon juice and olive oil vinaigrette.

Whole Grain Pasta with Shrimp, Tomatoes and Feta Cheese

Start to finish: 50 minutes (30 minutes active)
Servings: 6

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
1 tablespoon finely chopped garlic
28-ounce can whole tomatoes, chopped, with 2/3 cup of the juice reserved
1/2 cup dry white wine
3 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley, divided
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1 pound medium raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
12 black olives, coarsely chopped
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest
1/4 teaspoon salt
Ground black pepper, to taste
1 pound whole-grain linguine
1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese

In a large saucepan over medium, heat the oil. Add the onion and saute until it begins to color, about 4 minutes. Add the garlic and stir for 30 seconds more.

Add the tomatoes with reserved juice, wine, 2 tablespoons of the parsley and the oregano. Bring to a simmer. Cook over low, stirring occasionally, for 20 minutes.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil.

While the water heats, add the shrimp, olives and lemon zest to the tomato sauce and simmer until the shrimp are opaque at the center, about 3 to 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

Cook the linguine according to package directions. Drain and serve topped with the sauce and sprinkled with the feta cheese and the remaining 1 tablespoon of chopped parsley.

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Bold flavor and healthy whole-grain combine in this pasta with shrimp, tomatoes and feta cheese.

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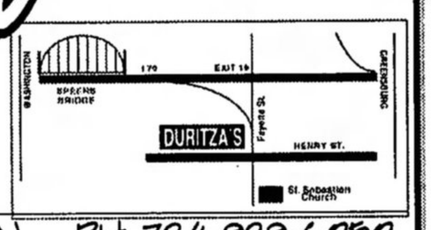

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Cajuns sweep swamp for summer treat

Seeds from lotus flowers are the main ingredient in graine a voler stew.

By STACEY PLAISANCE
Associated Press Writer

DES ALLEMANDS, La. — Through the hot summer, Cajuns take to the bayous in their air boats, pirogues and flat-bottomed mud craft in search of patches of lotus flowers floating in the shallow swamps and marshes of coastal Louisiana.

But what they're after isn't the large, pretty white flower with a bright yellow center — they're out to harvest the green pods left behind after the flowers lose their petals. Each pod holds as many as two dozen seeds, a tasty treat known in these parts as "graine a voler."

Loosely translated, the Cajun French term (pronounced Grah-NUH VOH-Lay) means "seeds that fly" or "seeds in the air," stemming from the fact that when the seed pods are left to wither and dry, the pod husk retracts and applies pressure to the seed. As the pod dries, the seeds eventually pop out.

Graine a voler is a seasonal treat that through the summer and early fall months is harvested to be eaten raw, fried, roasted, boiled or cooked down in soups and stews. It's a starchy, rather bland seed with a nutty taste and hint of sweetness in the younger, plumper pods.

"I call it a Cajun peanut," says Casey LeBlanc, a Cajun from Des Allemands who runs Cajun Crab Connection, a company that ships Louisiana blue crabs across the country. "I grew up eating them, like bread and milk."

But graine a volers won't be found in the produce section of any local grocer. They're hard to find — unless you go to specialty markets — because they can't be harvested from land. They only grow in the shallows of fresh water bayous and waterways.

"You definitely have to have a boat," LeBlanc says.

While the lotus can grow in ponds, the plant thrives in freshwater bayous, where the flowers in full bloom can reach the size of a dinner plate. When the flowers lose their petals, the green pod that contains the seeds is left behind.

To harvest the seeds, each pod must be grabbed by hand and bent sharply to the side, causing the pod to break from the stem. The pods are then split open and the seeds shucked out. Each seed's green casing must either be peeled by hand or boiled off.

Though lotus seeds are a popular ingredient in some Asian cuisines, they are much less common in the U.S., available mostly at Asian grocers. But in this region, they have a long culinary history.

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Casey LeBlanc demonstrating how a large leaf from a plant can be used as a hat to shield one from the sun while on an expedition to gather seeds from the lotus flower in the Lake Des Allemands swamp, near Des Allemands, La.

It's not clear who introduced the Cajuns to lotus seeds, which had been a staple of the south Louisiana Native American diet. But by the late 1700s, Cajun farmers and ranchers who had migrated south were eating them, too.

"Whether there were people from original (Native American) tribes who taught the Cajuns is something we can't say," says Carl Brasseaux, a Cajun historian with the Center for Louisiana Studies at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

"There's no paper trail. We just don't know. It's plausible, but we have no way of knowing for sure," he says.

LeBlanc, who is in his 30s, says his father learned to eat graine a voler from older Cajuns in the Des Allemands and Bayou Gauche area. LeBlanc said it's something his family looks forward to each year, "like alligator season and bass fishing season."

Chris Matherne, of Lafitte, said he, too, enjoys making graine a voler stew, which is made similar to the way one would cook a pot of white beans. He begins with a roux — equal parts oil and flour — and adds the seeds, along with seasonings such as onions and garlic.

"It's good," Matherne said. "I've been eating it since I was a kid."

Bart Dufrene Jr., of Bayou Gauche, says he looks forward to graine a voler season. "I go as much as I can, at least once a week when they're in season."

At festivals in south Louisiana, Dufrene has eaten graine a voler fried. But his favorite way to prepare them is in a roaring boil, with spicy seasonings. Dufrene adds spicy seafood boil (a seasoning blend) to water and brings it to a boil.

"It's good, especially with a lot of cayenne pepper," he said.

Dufrene says that with the long, hot summer this year, the lotus flowers were late to bloom, which means they'll be out for a little longer this season. "Hopefully, I'll be able to get them through the end of September."

Recipe for Graine a Voler Stew

In the late summer and early fall, many Cajuns take to the freshwater bayous and waterways in search of lotus flowers. The pods left behind after the flowers lose their petals contain dozens of tasty seeds the Cajuns call "graine a voler."

The seeds are eaten raw, boiled, roasted, fried or cooked down in a soup or stew. Chris Matherne, a Cajun from Lafitte, La., who has been eating graine a voler since he was a child, enjoys the seeds in this stew.

Though Matherne uses fresh seeds, they are not widely available. Dried seeds are easily found online and in some Asian markets. Dried lotus seeds must be soaked in water, similar to dried beans, for several hours before cooking.

Start to finish: 30 minutes active, plus 3 hours soaking

Servings: 6

1 pound dry lotus seeds
2-by-2-inch chunk salt pork
1 andouille or other spicy sausage, cut or crumbled into chunks
1 medium yellow onion chopped
1 green bell pepper, cored and diced
2 stalks celery, diced
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 cup chopped scallions
1 cup canola or vegetable oil
1 cup all-purpose flour
2 cups chicken broth
Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
Cajun or Creole seasoning blend, to taste

In a large bowl, place the seeds and enough cold water to cover them. Let soak for 3 hours, then drain and set aside.

In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, add the salt pork and sausage. Once the pork has rendered a bit of fat, add the onion, bell pepper, celery, garlic and scallions. Saute until the onions are lightly browned, about 6 minutes. Remove from the heat and set aside.

In a large saucepan over medium-high heat, add the oil and heat. While stirring, sprinkle in the flour. Cook the flour and oil, stirring constantly, until lightly browned but not burned.

Add the vegetable mixture and the drained lotus seeds, mixing well. Slowly pour the chicken broth into the saucepan. Stir well, then bring to a simmer. Season with salt, pepper and Cajun seasoning. Reduce heat to low and continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until the seeds are tender, about 5 to 10 minutes. Stew should be thick enough to be ladled over rice.

Before serving, remove and discard the salt pork.

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Lunch

Monday - Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, French fries, assorted fruit
Tuesday – Tomato soup, crackers, grilled cheese sandwich, cole slaw, assorted fruit
Wednesday – Hamburger/cheeseburger, baked potato, assorted fruit
Thursday – Baked ham dinner, au gratin potatoes, roll, green beans, blue jello-o
Friday – Macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, mixed fruit, cinnamon pretzel stick

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Friday – Yogurt with proball doughnut

Lunch

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Tuesday – Buffalo chicken tenders or pizza burger-French fries
Wednesday – Hot Sicilian or grilled cheese with tomato soup-baked potato wedges
Thursday – Baked potato bar or cheeseburger-French fries or broccoli
Friday – Salisbury steak/rice or tuna salad sandwich-fresh cucumber slices with dip

Each entree served with choice of bread, vegetable, fruit and low fat milk. Fresh fruit varieties available daily.

Chef Rocco seeks Twitter advice

By MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press Writer

Twitter and Facebook are helping Rocco DiSpirito write his new cookbook.

The media savvy chef is turning to the social networks to help decide which dishes he should include in his new book, devoted to healthy versions of popular dishes. He's asking fans directly for their opinions, like in this recent query: "How important is pulled pork and chocolate chip cookies to you for inclusion in my healthy food makeover cookbook?"

Tweets and posts with suggestions came flowing back (with a strong pro-pork sentiment on Facebook).

It may sound like a publicity gimmick for the interactive age, but DiSpirito says the experiment in culinary cyber-populism will make his cookbook more relevant and will hopefully inspire more people to pick up a spatula.

"If your job is to make someone who wants to cook at home feel like they really can, then you owe it to them to figure out what they want," DiSpirito said in a telephone interview.

The cookbook, which is due March 2 and lacks a final title, consists of healthier versions of what DiSpirito calls America's favorite "downfall dishes," those beloved but often unwholesome foods like burgers, enchiladas, mac and cheese and fried chicken.

DiSpirito's self-imposed creative challenge was to shave off calories or carbs from classic dishes without making them taste like cardboard.

His re-tinkered burger patty, for instance, includes lean beef mixed with turkey.

His "unfried" chicken is de-skinned, poached, coated with low-fat breading, then flash fried in grape seed oil.

Pirates fall in Houston

It was another long night on the road Friday for Charlie Morton and his Pirates teammates. **3B**

Valley SPORTS

Hall of Fame welcomes Jordan

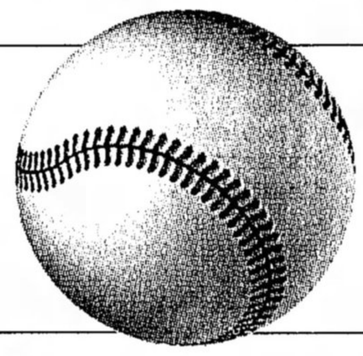
An emotional Michael Jordan led a star-studded Hall of Fame induction class. **4B**

Life without Troy

Steelers' Pro Bowl safety Troy Polamalu may not return until the second half of the season. **4B**

Sports Trivia

Which two teams played in the NFL's first Opening Kickoff game in 2002? **2B**



Today's schedule

Chicago Cubs 6, Cincinnati 4
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Washington 5, Florida 3
Houston 9, Pittsburgh 1

Cougars dominate from the first play

Demetri Edwards goes the distance for a TD on the opening kickoff.

By BRIAN HERMAN
Sports Editor
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CHARLEROI — The final score didn't tell the real story in Charleroi's 41-8 Class AA Interstate Conference romp over visiting East Allegheny Friday.

"We have to keep things in perspective because they were missing a lot of players, but we played better this week, especially on defense," said Charleroi coach Luke Mollis.

For the record, the Wildcats (0-2) are playing their first four games without eight players due to the school's 2.0 grade point average requirement.

East Allegheny, however, was never in the contest against the Cougars (1-1) , who scored on the game's first play and had a 19-0 lead in the opening 5:32.

Demetri Edwards, a junior and nephew of former Charleroi star running back Jim Edwards, started the rout when he returned the opening kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown.

Two minutes and one second later, the Cougars were up 13-0 thanks to the first of three touchdowns by sophomore Quentin Briggs, who went in from two yards out.

> "We wanted to get to them early."
>
> Charleroi coach Luke Mollis

Briggs' TD was set up by Tyler Corbitt's recovery of a fumble at the East Allegheny eight on freshman quarterback Shawn Adair's 22-yard loss.

"We wanted to get to them early," said Mollis.

The Cougars did just that because they held a commanding 27-0 lead after 8:35.

Briggs, who finished with 135 yards on 11 carries, contributed a 10-yard touchdown run and Tom Thorpe teamed with Cory Altemara on a 66-yard pass with 3:25 left in the first quarter,

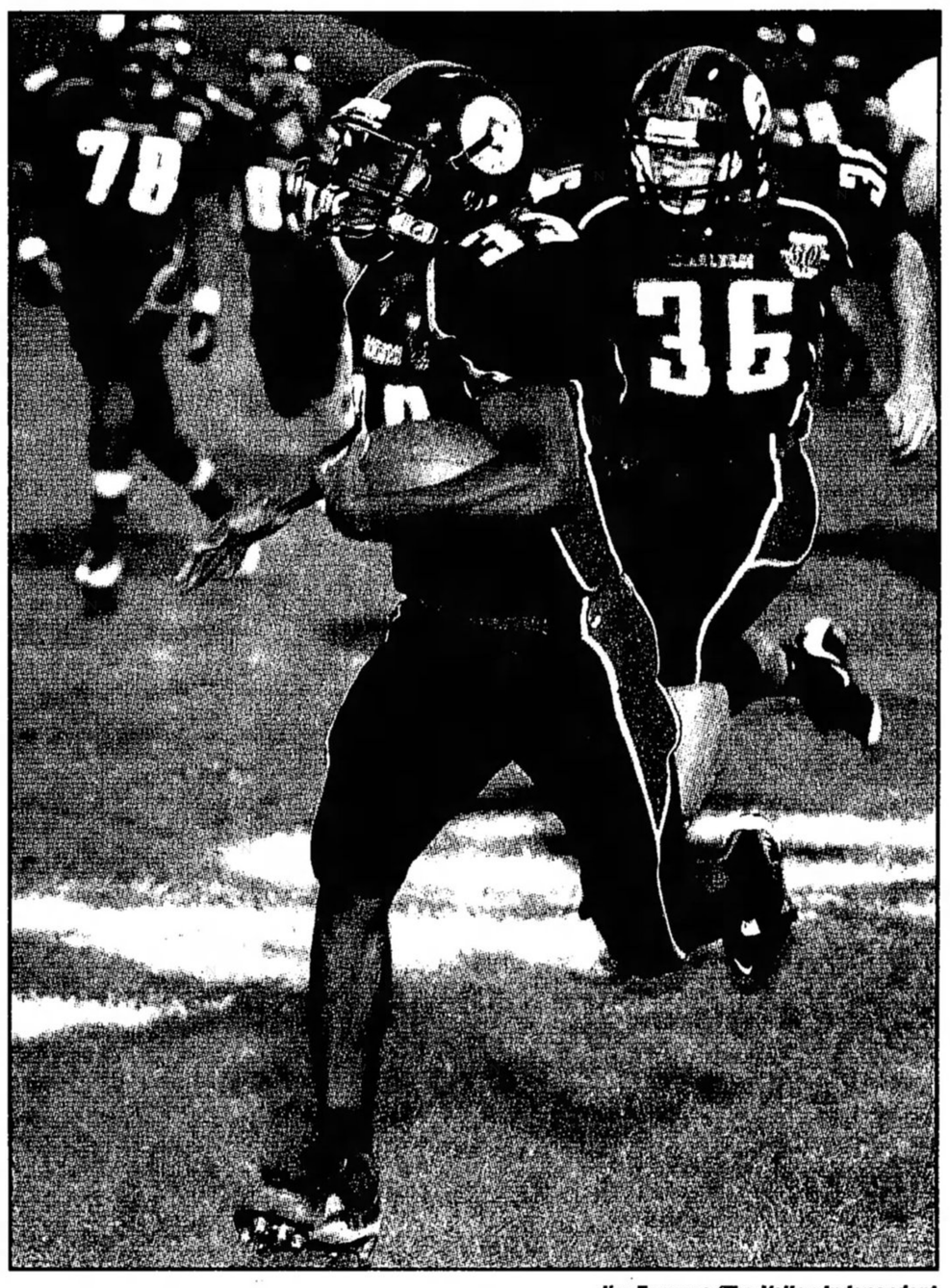
Briggs gave Charleroi a 34-0 lead at halftime when he broke a 68-yarder on the first play of the second quarter.

The Cougars put the 35-point mercy rule and running clock into effect with only 2:06 gone in the third quarter when reserve junior running back Kyle Shannon carried over from four yards out. Shannon's TD was set up by Simeon Bell's second interception return of 16 yards to the Wildcats' four.

According to Mollis, the honoring of Charleroi's 1959 WPIAL championship football team and the newest members of the school's Hall of Fame didn't hurt.

"We used that as motivation," he said. "We told them about the players coming in from different parts of the country and their school pride."

LEFTOVERS: The last time the Cougars scored in the 40s was 2005 when they clobbered Avella, 47-14, at Charleroi Stadium ... Charleroi played its reserves most of the second half. East Allegheny scored on sophomore Tim Edwards' 8-yard run with 4:20 remaining ... The Cougars' Greg Black kicked three extra points and Shannon ran over a two-pointer ... The game was delayed 10 minutes in the second quarter when East Allegheny punter Scott Croft suffered a leg injury with the Cougars called for roughing the kicker ... East Allegheny had 79 total offense yards, including 15 at halftime ... Charleroi resumes Friday at Brownsville.



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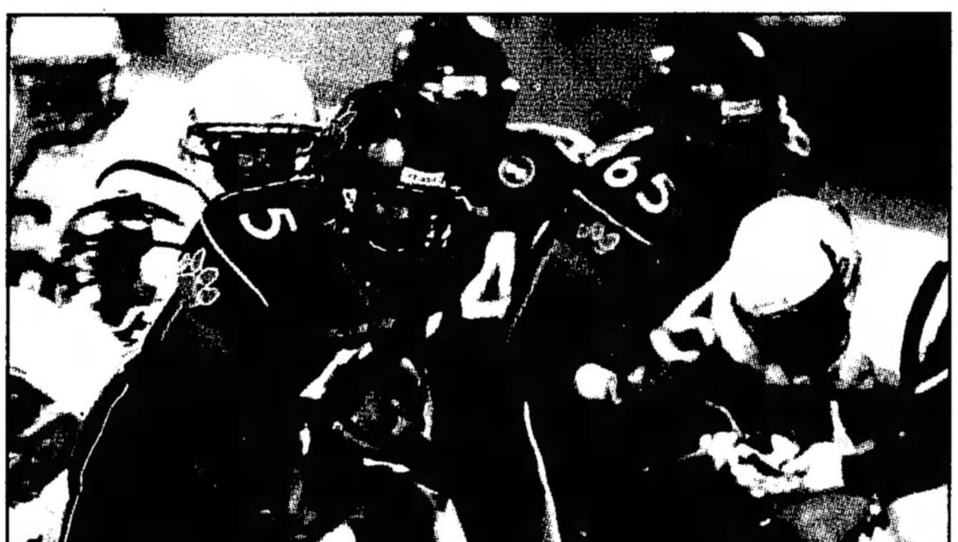
Charleroi's Demetri Edwards runs back the opening kickoff for a 95-yard touchdown in Friday's win over East Allegheny. Behind him is Kyle Shannon (36).

Hounds offensive in second straight shutout



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Clairton's Devante Dockery (5) is tackled by Monessen's Desmond Davis Friday night.

Coach Pacak promises changes after 46-0 blowout loss to Clairton.

By JEFF OLIVER
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CLAIRTON – Two games into the season and Monessen is still looking for its first win.

And first score.

After Friday's 46-0 drubbing at the hands of defending WPIAL Class A champion Clairton, Monessen coach Andy Pacak vowed that changes are going to be made.

"We played hard for two quarters or a little bit more. Then a couple of things happened and we folded like a cheap tent," said a visibly upset Pacak.

"I have linemen, 250-, 260-pound kids who don't want to come off the ball. A few kids are playing their hearts out and some aren't giving the effort."

Monessen actually hung tough with the powerful Bears (1-1), trailing just 6-0 late in the first half before Clairton's electrifying wide receiver Kevin Weatherspoon made a highlight play for a touchdown.

Faced with a fourth-and-20 from the Monessen 30-yard line with two minutes left in the half, Clairton converted when quarterback Desmion Green fired a post pass to the back of the end zone that Weatherspoon stretched out for and made a diving reception for a touchdown.

That gave Clairton a 14-0 lead at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Bears scored twice in a matter of six seconds to open up a 29-0 lead.

Late in the third quarter, Deontae Howard raced 55 yards for a TD to make it 21-0.

Then, on Monessen's next offensive play, quarterback Terrance Stepoli fumbled in the backfield and the Bears' Chase James scooped up the ball and rambled 30 yards untouched to make it 29-0.

"Once we gave up those two scores, a lot of our kids quit and I'm really upset about it," Pacak said. "I know one thing: I'll find 11 kids who want to play."

The Bears tacked on a safety and two more late scores by reserves as Brandon Small darted 46 yards for a TD and Deon Ellis swept around right end 26 yards for a score with less than a minute

(See MONESSEN, Page 2B)

BVA rolls to 49-0 victory

Leps overcome slow start for lopsided win over Southmoreland.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

ALVERTON — It may not have been pretty early, but Belle Vernon Area scored its second straight win Friday night by shutting out Southmoreland, 49-0.

First-year BVA coach Aaron Krepps was not happy with what he saw early on.

"We started out slow and I was not thrilled," he said. "We are a work in progress and it is going to take time, but we have to take advantage of opportunities."

BVA got on the board first, going 57 yards on four plays. Brandon Dilmore hit Matt Green with a 48-yard screen pass and the rout was on.

But heading into the drive, the Leopards could have been trailing 7-0.

On Southmoreland's first play from scrimmage, Dakota Datz took a handoff and looked as if he were going to throw a pass before pulling the ball down for a four-yard gain.

Datz had two receivers open 10 yards behind the deepest Leopard defenders but did not throw the ball.

On Southmoreland's following possession, Spencer Lynn intercepted a Jordan Kitta pass, but the Scotties (0-2) retained possession when the Leps were hit with a pass interference penalty.

After forcing a punt, the Leopards went 76 yards on six plays as Green went in behind left tackle from 36 yards out.

On the drive, Cory Williams had a 27-yard scamper and a 12-yard gain.

Ian Dobbins intercepted a Kitta pass on Southmoreland's next possession, but for the second time, a Belle Vernon penalty nullified the turnover as the Leps were hit with a roughing the passer penalty.

Williams went in from 3 yards out with 2:45 left in the first half after BVA took over at the Southmoreland 35 when Garrett Santori intercepted a Datz pass.

Two plays before his score, Williams gained 23 yards off of the right tackle.

With 10 seconds left, the Scotties' Jeremy Hixson attempted a 51-yard field goal, but it came up two yards short.

The second half started where the first half left off. Adam Bundridge fumbled on Southmoreland's first play of the second half, and Dylan Dominico scooped the ball up and took it 18 yards for the score.

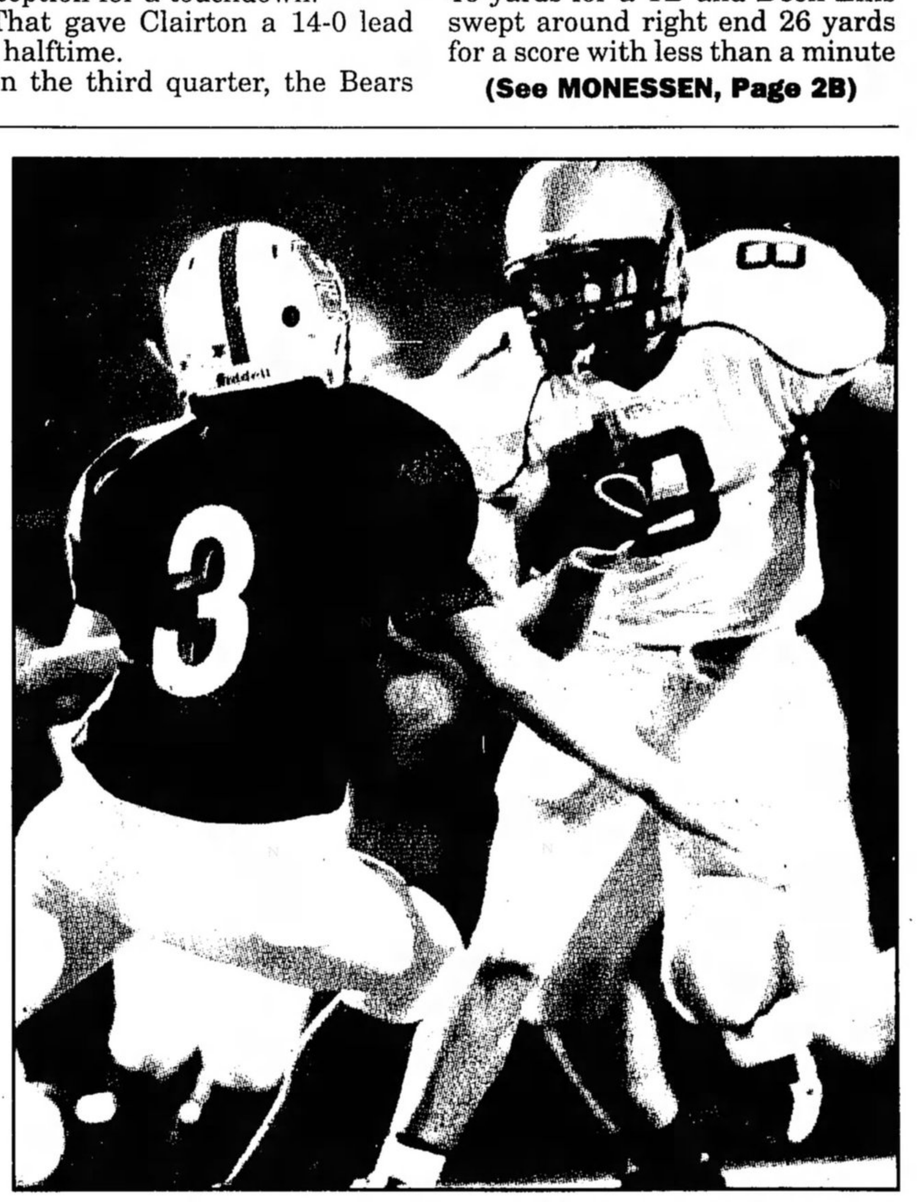
On BVA's next possession, Green went in from 27 yards out. Joey Walko's fifth extra point made the score 35-0 and the mercy rule was in effect.

"Matty ran the ball really hard," Krepps said of Green, who finished with 103 yards on only six carries.

Kevin McNeil tacked on two more scores for BVA in the fourth quarter.

"We did better in the second half," Krepps said. "I have very high expectations for this team and the effort in the second half was better."

NOTES: The Leopards finished with 24 yards on 26 carries while holding the Scotties to seven yards on 38 carries ... McNeil finished with 60 yards on four carries and Williams had 53 yards on 10 attempts ... BVA had 12 first downs while Southmoreland had nine ... Dorian Johnson recovered a fumble for BVA ... BVA had six penalties for 30 yards while Southmoreland had seven for 45 yards.



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Belle Vernon Area's Matt Green (8) eludes Southmoreland's Mike Luft (3) in the first half Friday.

SPORTS

Football roundup

Rams rally past AG

Ringgold won its first game Friday with a come-from-behind 31-28 victory at Albert Gallatin Friday.

However, Lloyd Price — the Rams' first-year coach — wasn't on hand to enjoy the victory.

Price was serving a one-game suspension handed out by the school district.

With Price sitting out, new assistant Matt Humbert — a former California University grid standout — served as head coach against the Colonials.

After jumping out to a 10-0 first quarter lead and holding a 24-14 halftime advantage, the Rams fell behind 28-24 going into the fourth quarter.

Ringgold pulled out the win with 4:42 remaining when Dylan Patch hit Nick McPherson with a 20-yard touchdown pass. It was McPherson's second TD reception in the contest.

With 3:08 left in the first half, McPherson caught a 33-yard scoring pass from Josh Burnisky.

Ringgold's defense accounted for two touchdowns.

Neal Rands recovered a blocked punt in the end zone in the first quarter with sophomore Alfon Cook going in from one yard out with a fumble recovery with a second left inn the first half.

Skylar Fransko opened the scoring for the Rams with a 35-yard field goal.

Cody Peebles threw touchdown passes of seven yards to Pat Kopas and four yards to Jarrot Dotson and ran eight yards for a score.

The Rams' Bob Bracken ran for 138 yards on 15 carries.

Ringgold makes its home debut Friday against Southmoreland in its final non-conference game.

Frazier 34, Mapletown 14

The Commodores trailed 14-13 at halftime. It wasn't an indication of things to come.

James Kline threw for 122 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 84 yards and another score to lead Frazier to its first win.

Kline put the Commodores ahead to stay 21-14 in the third quarter when he threw a 27-yard touchdown pass to Colton Thompson and the two-pointer to Tyler Holt.

Frazier broke it open in the fourth quarter on Kline's 5-yard run and Rock Vargo's 10-yard run.

Chase Kirmeyer, who ran for 93 yards on 17 carries, scored Frazier's first touchdown on a 5-yard run.

Kline threw a 7-yard pass to Holt for Frazier's other six-pointer.

Jarrett Porterfield scored both of the Maples' touchdowns in the first half, one on a 4-yard run and the other on a 17-yard pass from Cory Minick.

Frazier opens Black Hills Conference play Friday at defending WPIAL Class A champion Clairton.

Serra 45, California 13

Serra's Rob Heatherington is considered one of WPIAL Class A's premier all-around quarterbacks,

The Trojans found out the hard way.

Heatherington ran 61 and 35 yards for touchdowns and threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Neal McFarland in dealing California its first loss.

The Eagles never trailed after taking a 21-6 first quarter lead, highlighted by Randall Coleman's 94-yard kick return.

D.J. Martinak scored both of California's touchdowns. He had a 45-yard run and 89-yard kick return.

California faces West Greene Friday in its home and Tri-County South opener.

Geibel 27, Bentworth 21

Christian Henckel threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Hudnell Caldwell with 2:25 remaining to deal coach Lou Rood his first defeat with the Bearcats.

Bentworth had tied the game at 21 in the fourth quarter on Ben Gregg's 38-yard pass to Dan Hansell.

Brian Early ran nine yards and Joe Vahaly six yards to give Bentworth a 14-7 halftime lead.

Caldwell also scored two other touchdowns on a five-yard run and 40-yard pass from Henckel.

Gregg completed eight of 15 passes for 183 yards with Early rushing for 83 in 13 carries

Bentworth goes to Fort Cherry Friday.

Chartiers Valley 54, Yough 0

The Colts' Wayne Capers was too much for the Cougars, throwing TD passes of 70, 8 and 57 yards to Beau Carson and running for two other scores.

Chartiers Valley led 41-0 at halftime.

Yough goes to Laurel Highlands Friday in its Keystone Conference opener.

Nostalgic night in Charleroi

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Inductions were held Friday for Charleroi High School's Athletic Hall of Fame. From left are Phil Hughes, Kevin Lee, Art Artis, Gary Pipik, Leo Stepanian and Leo Stepanian Jr., representing the late Steve Stepanian, and Dr. John Verkleeren.

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Members of Charleroi High School's 1959 WPIAL Class A championship team were reunited Friday night.

SPORTS DIGEST

Brown winner at Motordrome

Neil Brown won Friday's late model feature at Motordrome Speedway.

Barry Awtey came in second followed by Mark Cottone, Mark Poole, Gary Wiltrout, John Komarinski, Shawn Pilla, Rick Miller, Tommy Beck and Steve Black.

Other feature winners were Dustin Blank (street stocks), Lonnie Hoffman (modifieds), Vic Kellere (chargers) and Larry Dunmyer (super compacts).

Two holes-in-one for Steve Blass

GREENSBURG, Pa. (AP) — After 35 years, Steve Blass got his control back. Trouble is, it was the wrong game.

The former Pittsburgh Pirates World Series star pitcher, whose career ended in 1974 when he inexplicably lost his ability to throw the ball over the plate, made two holes-in-one in a span of 11 holes during the team's annual alumni golf outing.

Blass's first hole-in-one on Thursday came with an 8-iron at the 154-yard, par-3 15th hole at Greensburg Country Club — because of the format used for the former players' tournament, his fivesome started on the back nine.

The second ace came when on the 175-yard, par-3 seventh hole, with Blass using a 7-iron.

Blass was so excited after his second hole-in-one, he took off his glasses and rolled down a hillside leading to the green.

Maybe Arnold Palmer brought him good luck. The Pirates honored Palmer at PNC Park on Tuesday, and Blass chipped a few balls with him on the field. Two days later, on Palmer's 80th birthday, Blass made his two aces.

Golf Digest estimates the odds against a golfer having two holes-in-one in the same round at 67 million to 1.

Blass, 67, who said his most recently established handicap was 10, won the senior club championship at South Hills Country Club in suburban Pittsburgh in 2005. His only previous hole-in-one was in 1996 on a Florida course that no longer exists.

Jeter passes Gehrig on Yankees' hit list

NEW YORK (AP) — Puddles soaked the warning track and ponchos dotted the stands when Derek Jeter stepped to the plate in the third inning, hoping to give the soggy Yankee Stadium crowd a reason for showing up in all this rain.

With one of his classic, inside-out swings, Jeter sent a sharp grounder skimming through the infield. And there it was, the hit that pushed him past Lou Gehrig.

Jeter broke the New York Yankees' hit record held by Gehrig for more than seven decades on Friday night with an opposite-field single against Baltimore.

It gave Jeter 2,722 hits, one more than Gehrig, whose Hall of Fame career was cut short by illness in 1939. The captain kept right on going, too, with an RBI single in the fourth that put New York up 4-1. Jeter left the game after a rain delay in the top of the seventh inning when manager Joe Girardi pulled most of the starters with the Yankees trailing 10-4. Jeter finished the game 2 for 4.

Jeter's record-breaking hit was remarkably similar to the one that tied Gehrig on Wednesday night, a well-struck grounder inside the first-base line. After this one, Yankees players poured out of the dugout and engulfed Jeter at first base with hugs and pats on the back.

"For those who say today's game can't produce legendary players, I have two words: Derek Jeter. Game in and game out he just produces," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said in a statement. "As historic and significant as becoming the Yankees' all-time hit leader is, the accomplishment is all the more impressive because Derek is one of the finest young men playing the game today.

Vikings linemen can play all season

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A federal appeals court on Friday cleared the way for Minnesota Vikings Pat Williams and Kevin Williams to play all season, despite the NFL's attempts to suspend them for violating the league's anti-doping policy.

The NFL had already said the two defensive tackles could play in Sunday's season-opener at Cleveland because their court fight over the suspensions would not be decided in time.

"It's a big sigh of relief to know we're going to get to play the whole season," Kevin Williams said. "We were looking forward to Cleveland not knowing what the future may hold. But it's great to get if off of our shoulders in the season and know we can deal with it in the offseason."

The fight isn't over, but a three-judge panel of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld earlier decisions from a federal district court — including one that says the remaining legal issues must be resolved in state court. The judge there has issued an injunction prohibiting the NFL from suspending the players, and he has said a state trial during the 2009 season was unlikely.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said the league is troubled by the ruling, which says federal law doesn't pre-empt state law just because the parties are involved in a collective bargaining agreement.

Trivia answer

San Francisco beat the New York Giants, 16-13, in Giants Stadium.

EF's Sotereanos runs over Laurel Highlands

Back tops 100 yards in 26-7 victory.

By TOM BUCKLEY
For The Valley Independent

When asked about the running game at Elizabeth Forward, head coach Garry Cathell said, "We have three pretty good backs," but just like last week, it was one back in particular who led the Warriors to victory.

That running back was Greg Sotereanos.

Just like last week's contest, Sotereanos hit the 100-yard mark on his 19 carries and scored the final touchdown Friday in a 26-7 victory over Laurel Highlands.

Despite Sotereanos' contribution, the Warriors decided to begin their first drive halfway through the first quarter by relying on the passing game. EF took a 7-0 lead on a Nick DeBaldo pass to Jeremy Kachurick from 18 yards out.

After a quick start with the pass, the Warriors started a two-man back combination of Sotereanos and Gerald Johnson. The short, but effective runs by both helped the Warriors set up DeBaldo for another touchdown pass. This time, his target was Brandon Hill from 18 yards out, but Kick Kalpakis failed to make the point after, giving the Warriors a 13-0 lead.

Despite the Warriors' early dominance, key defensive mistakes and penalties cost the Warriors. Laurel Highlands quarterback Carmen Congelio gained 10 or more yards on three straight running plays and the Mustangs brought the game to within 6 points.

Going into the half, Sotereanos had only 35 yards on the ground on his eight attempts, but he was the deciding factor in the second half.

The second half opened with Josh Pomilio returning the kickoff 73 yards for a touchdown. From there, the Warriors dominated the Mustangs, and it was partially due to Sotereanos.

"We put the weight of the world on his back" says Cathell.

Sotereanos had 67 yards on 11 carries and one score in the second half.

Despite the victory, Cathell said the Warriors had too many mistakes.

"Last week it was fumbles; this week it was interceptions," he said.

The Warriors will try to match last season's 3-0 start next week against West Mifflin, a team Cathell thinks very highly of.

"West Mifflin is always good," he said. "They are full of great athletes."

Monessen (FROM PAGE ONE)

to play.

While the final score was misleading in that it was just 6-0 with two minutes left in the first half, still the Greyhounds' offense played like 6-0 is a rout.

Monessen didn't get a first down until the 7:34 mark of the third quarter and it came on a Clairton penalty.

For the night, the punchless Hounds managed just four first downs and 92 yards of offense.

"We had a executable game plan coming in, but it was predicated on us coming off the ball and we didn't do that," said Pacak.

"We wanted to play conservative, play keepaway because their offense is so explosive. But you have to control the ball to do that. We didn't do a good job of that."

The Bears didn't have much problem getting their offense untracked as they rolled up 343 yards, 257 coming on the ground.

Howard, who scored 25 TDs a year ago, rushed for 139 yards on 13 carries. He had 105 yards on nine pops in the second half.

NOTES: Monessen lost receiver/defensive back Brady Kunsa to a shoulder injury in the second quarter and Pacak said a few other players were "nicked up" ... James Shuma intercepted a pass for Monessen in the second quarter and Jalen Madison recovered a fumble ... Stepoli had a rough night in his return as quarterback, hitting just four of 14 passes for 25 yards and one interception. He missed on his first eight passes of the game ... Monessen opens play in the Tri-County South Conference Friday and has its first home game when Mapletown comes to Memorial Stadium.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Ann Meyers, the first woman given a chance at making a NBA team was cut by the Indiana Pacers at the end of a three-day trial at a rookie free agent camp.

20 Years Ago

Ringgold's soccer team won 5-0 at Laurel Highlands with Brian Condie, Bill Geary, Brian Lusk, Jason Ruttenberg and Chuck Watson scoring goals.

10 Years Ago

Sophomore Wes Cates ran for 227 yards and three touchdowns and quarterback Shawn McClelland rushed for 151 yards and two TDs and threw for 160 yards in California University's triple overtime 51-49 loss to visiting Fairmont State.

The Pittsburgh Steelers spoiled Cleveland's return to the NFL, 43-0, with Richard Huntley scoring three TDs and Kordell Stewart running for one touchdown and throwing for another.

SPORTS

Major League Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	80	59	.576	—
Florida	75	66	.532	6
Atlanta	73	68	.518	8
New York	62	79	.440	19
Washington	49	92	.348	32

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	84	58	.592	—
Chicago	72	67	.518	10?
Houston	69	72	.489	14?
Milwaukee	67	73	.479	16
Cincinnati	63	78	.447	20?
Pittsburgh	54	85	.388	28?

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	84	58	.592	—
Colorado	81	60	.574	2?
San Francisco	76	65	.539	7?
San Diego	63	78	.447	20?
Arizona	62	80	.437	22

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 6, Cincinnati 4
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Washington 5, Florida 3
Houston 9, Pittsburgh 1
Atlanta 1, St. Louis 0
Milwaukee 6, Arizona 3
L.A. Dodgers 10, San Francisco 3
Colorado at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.

Today's Games

Cincinnati (Cueto 9-10) at Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 10-8), 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta (T.Hudson 1-0) at St. Louis (Lohse 5-8), 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 10-10) at Philadelphia (Moyer 12-9), 4:10 p.m.
Washington (Estrada 0-0) at Florida (A.Sanchez 2-6), 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ohlendorf 11-9) at Houston (Moehler 8-10), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Bush 3-7) at Arizona (Mulvey 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (V.Padilla 2-0) at San Francisco (J.Sanchez 6-11), 9:05 p.m.
Colorado (Rogers 0-0) at San Diego (Stauffer 4-6), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m., 1st game
Washington at Florida, 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Houston, 2:05 p.m.
Atlanta at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Colorado at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Arizona, 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 8:05 p.m., 2nd game

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	91	50	.645	—
Boston	81	58	.583	9
Tampa Bay	72	68	.514	18?
Toronto	64	77	.454	27
Baltimore	56	83	.403	34

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	75	65	.536	—
Minnesota	70	71	.496	5?
Chicago	70	72	.493	6
Cleveland	60	80	.429	15
Kansas City	56	85	.397	19?

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	85	55	.607	—
Texas	79	60	.568	5?
Seattle	72	69	.511	13?
Oakland	63	77	.450	22

Friday's Games

Kansas City 2, Cleveland 1, 12 innings
Toronto 6, Detroit 4
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, ppd., rain
Seattle at Texas, ppd., rain
Oakland 12, Minnesota 5
L.A. Angels 7, Chicago White Sox 1

Torday's Games

Baltimore (Matusz 4-2) at N.Y. Yankees (A.Burnett 11-8), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Bre.Anderson 8-10) at Minnesota (Manship 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Danks 12-9) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 7-8), 4:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Hochevar 6-9) at Cleveland (D.Huff 9-7), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Richmond 6-9) at Detroit (E.Jackson 12-6), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (W.Davis 0-0) at Boston (Beckett 14-6), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Fister 2-1) at Texas (Holland 7-10), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, 1:35 p.m.
Oakland at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
Seattle at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, 3:35 p.m.

Pirates boxscore

PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi	HOUSTON	ab	r	h	bi
AMcCt cf	4	0	0	0	Bourn cf	4	1	1	1
DlwYn 2b	2	0	0	0	KMatsu 2b	4	2	3	2
GJones 1b	4	0	2	0	Maysnt 2b	0	0	0	0
Milledg lf	4	0	1	0	Brkmn 1b	2	2	2	2
Doumit c	4	0	2	0	Ca.Lee lf	4	1	1	3
Moss rf	4	0	0	0	Hwkns p	0	0	0	0
AnLRc 3b	4	1	1	1	Quinter c	0	0	0	0
Cedeno ss	3	0	1	0	Tejada ss	3	0	1	0
Morton p	2	0	0	0	Bazard p	0	0	0	0
NWalkr ph	1	0	0	0	Pence rf	4	1	1	0
Hanrhn p	0	0	0	0	CJhnsn 3b	4	0	0	0
JChavz p	0	0	0	0	Towles c	2	1	0	0
Veal p	0	0	0	0	Manzell ss	1	0	1	0
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					Gervac p	0	0	0	0
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	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
Morton L,3-8	6	6	3	3	2	3
Hanrahan	1-3	1	3	0	2	1
J.Chavez	2-3	2	3	0	1	0
Veal	1	2	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Norris W,5-3	6	6	1	1	1	7
Gervacio H,3	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hawkins	1	1	0	0	1	0
Bazardo	1	0	0	0	0	3

WP—Morton 2.
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Terrelle Pryor and Ohio State will host USC at 8 p.m. on ESPN.

Weekend sports dial

Today

Television

Noon - KDKA - U.S. Open, tennis.
Noon - WTAE - Pitt at Buffalo, college football.
Noon - WPMY - Troy at Florida, college football.
Noon - ESPN - Fresno State at Wisconsin, college football.
Noon - ESPN2 - Central Michigan at Michigan State, college football.
Noon - Fox Sports - Iowa at Iowa State, college football.
1 p.m. - Golf Channel - Arkansas Championship, women's golf.
3 p.m. - WPXI - BMW Championship, golf.
3:30 p.m. - WTAE - Notre Dame at Michigan, college football.
3:30 p.m. - ESPN2 - Brigham Young at Tulane, college football.
3:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Texas at Wyoming, college football.
4 p.m. - WPGH - New York Mets at Philadelphia, baseball.
4 p.m. - ESPN - UCLA at Tennessee, college football.
4 p.m. - Golf Channel - Walker Cup, golf.
6:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - Utah Championship, golf.
7 p.m. - ESPN2 - South Carolina at Georgia, college football.
7 p.m. - Fox Sports - Westminster at Allegheny, college football.
7:30 p.m. - Chevy Rock & Roll 400, auto racing.
8 p.m. - KDKA - U.S. Open, tennis.
8 p.m. - ESPN - USC at Ohio State, college football.
9 p.m. - Versus - PBR Reno Invitational, bull riding.
10 p.m. - SHO - Mikkel Kessler vs Gusmyl Perdomo; Shelby Pudwill vs Andre Ward, boxing.
10:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Purdue at Oregon, college football.

Radio

Noon - WCAL (91.9 FM) - California at Mansfield, college football.
Noon - WPGB (970) - Pitt at Buffalo, college football.
7:05 p.m. - WPGB (104.7) - Pittsburgh at Houston, baseball.

Sunday

Television

1 p.m. - KDKA - Kansas City at Baltimore, pro football.
1 p.m. - WPGH - Minnesota at Cleveland, pro football.
1 p.m. - ESPN2 - U.S. Open, tennis.
1 p.m. - Golf Channel - Arkansas Championship, women's golf.
2 p.m. - WPXI - BMW Championship, golf.
2:10 p.m. - WGN - Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, baseball.
3 p.m. - ESPN2 - Los Angeles at Phoenix, women's pro basketball.
4 p.m. - KDKA - U.S. Open, tennis.
4 p.m. - WTBS - Los Angeles Dodgers at San Francisco, baseball.
4 p.m. - Golf Channel - Walker Cup, golf.
4:15 p.m. - WPGH - Washington at New York Giants, pro football.
7 p.m. - Golf Channel - Utah Championship, golf.
8 p.m. - ESPN - New York Mets at Philadelphia, baseball.
8 p.m. - Versus - Copenhagen Invitational, bull riding, tape.
8:15 p.m. - WPXI - Chicago at Green Bay, pro football.

Radio

2:05 p.m. - WPGB (104.7 FM) - Pittsburgh at Houston, baseball.

MLS standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	10	4	9	39	34	25
Chicago	10	6	8	38	33	28
D.C.	8	5	12	36	38	36
New England	9	7	6	33	28	30
Toronto FC	8	9	7	31	30	34
Kansas City	6	11	6	24	24	32
New York	4	16	4	16	20	41

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	11	7	7	40	31	22
Los Angeles	9	4	11	38	28	23
Colorado	10	7	6	36	36	27
Seattle	8	6	10	34	29	23
Chivas USA	10	9	3	33	23	24
Real SaltLake	9	9	6	33	35	27
FC Dallas	6	11	6	24	33	37
San Jose	5	12	5	20	27	40

Today's Games

Colorado at Toronto FC, 3:30 p.m.
Seattle FC at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
FC Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Frontier League playoffs

Friday's Games

Lake Erie 4, Kalamazoo 2, Lake Erie leads series, 2-1
River City 6, Windy City 2, River City wins series, 3-0

Today

Kalamazoo at Lake Erie

Football summaries

Clairton 46, Monessen 0

Monessen	0	0	0	0	- 0
Clairton	6	8	15	9	- 46

Clairton – Thompson (1 run)
Clairton – Weatherspoon (30 pass from Green) Ball (run)
Clairton – Howard (55 run) Coles (kick)
Clairton – James (30 fumble return) Weatherspoon (pass from Howard)
Clairton – Safety (ball snapped over punter's head out of end zone)
Clairton – Small (46 run) Coles (kick)
Clairton – Elli (25 run) Ellis (run)

Team statistics

	Mon	Cla
First downs	4	11
Rushing yds	67	267
Passing yds	25	76
Passes	4-15	3-9
Intercepted	1	1
Fumbles/lost	3-1	3-1
Penalties/yds	7-62	10-95
Punts/ave	4-34	3-28

Individual statistics

Rushing

Monessen – Cook, 13 for 24 yds; Stepoli, 8 for 21 yds; Miller, 5 for 12 yds; Crenshaw, 2 for 8 yds; Small, 1 for 2 yds; Madison, 2 for 0 yds.
Clairton – Howard, 13 for 139 yds, td; Small, 2 for 50 yds, td; Green, 8 for 39 yds; Ellis, 1 for 25 yds, td; Dockery, 3 for 12 yds; Ball, 3 for 3 yds; Thompson, 2 for -1 yd, td.

Passing

Monessen – Stepoli, 4 of 14, 25 yds, 1 int; Francia, 0 of 1.
Clairton – Green, 2 of 8, 64 yds, td, 1 int; Thompson, 1 of 1, 12 yds.

Receiving

Monessen – Francia, 1 for 9 yds; Young, 1 for 8 yds; Crenshaw, 1 for 7 yds; Cook, 1 for 1 yd.
Clairton – Weatherspoon, 2 for 42 yds, td; Coles, 1 for 34 yds.

Charleroi 41, East Allegheny 8

East Allegheny	0	0	0	8	- 8
Charleroi	27	7	7	0	- 41

Charleroi - Edwards (95, kick return)
Charleroi - Briggs 92, run) Black (kick)
Charleroi - Brioggs 910, run)
Charleroi - Altemara (66, pass from Thorpe) Shannon (run)
Charleroi -Briggs (68, run) Black(kick)
Charleroi - S hannon (4, run) Black (kick)
East Allegheny - Edwards (8, run) Neal (run)

Team statistics

	EA	Char
First downs	7	6
Yds rushing	61	178
Yds passing	18	71
Pases	2-14-1	2-2-0
Fumbles, lost	3-2	2-1
Punts, avg.	4-37	3-32
Penalties, yds.	7-50	7-75

Individual statistics

Rushing

Charleroi - Briggs, 11 for 135 yds, 3 tds; Altemara, 4 for 23 yds; Mathers, 8 for 12 yds; Shannon, 4 for 7 yds, 1 td; Thorpe, 1 for 2 yds; C. Stefan, 1 for minus 1 yd.
East Allegheny - Coleman, 5 for 31 yds; Neal, 11 for 27 yds; Edwards, 1 for 8 yds, 1 td; Marhall, 4 for 5 yds; Rosenbayger, 2 for 4 yds; Croft, 1 for 4 yds; Lundy, 6 for 4 yds; Adair, 1 for minus 22 yds.

Passing

Charleroi - Thorpe, 2 of 2 for 71 yds.
East Allegheny - Adair, 1 of 11 for 15 yds, 1 int; Neal, 1 of 8 for 3 yds, 1 ints.

Pass receiving

Charleroi - Altemara, 1 for 66 yds, 1 td; Shannon, 1 for 5 yds.
East Allegheny -Croft, 1 for 15 yds; Lundy, 1 for 5 yds.

Elizabeth Forward 26, Laurel Highlands 7

Laurel Highlands	0	7	0	0	- 7
Elizabeth Fwd.	6	7	7	6	- 26

EF - Kachurick (14,pass from DeBaldo)
EF - Hill (20, pass from Debaldo) Kalpakis(kick)
LH - Congelio (20, run)
EF - Pomilio (73, return) Kalpakis (kick)
EF - Sotereanos (1, run)

Team statistics

	LH	EF
First downs	6	9
Yds rushing	79	157
Yds passing	86	119
Passes	11-86-0	7-119-2
Fumbles, lost	1-1	0-0
Punts	9-288	5-176
Penalties, yds	1-8	10-80

Individual statistics

Rushing

EF - Sotereanos, 19 for 105 yds, 1 td; Johnson, 13 for 36 yds; Hill, 1 for -4 yds; DeBaldo, 2 for 8 yds; Pomilio, 3 for -1 yd; Sevick, 3 for 11 yds.
Laurel - Clifford, 18 for 44 yds; Congelio, 13 for 35 yds, 1td ; Walton, 2 for -1 yd; Reed, 1 for 1 yd.

Passing

EF -. DeBaldo, 5 of 9 for 84 yards, 2td 1 int; Sevick 2 of 2 for 35 yds.
Laurel - Congelio, 11 of 17 for 86 yds, 2 int.

Pass receiving

EF - Pomilio, 1 for 10 yds; Sotereanos, 1 for 5 yds; Fine, 2 for 49 yds, 1 td; Hill, 2 for 55 yds, 1 td.
Laurel - Reed, 3 for 11 yds; Hoch, 1 for 13 yds; Beatty, 5 for 30 yds; Clifford, 1 for 2 yds; Shull, 1 for 30 yds.

Ringgold 31, Albert Gallatin 28

Ringgold	10	14	0	7	- 31
A. Gallatin	0	14	14	0	- 28

Ringgold – Fransko (39 field goal)
Ringgold –Rands (recovered blocked punt in end zone) Fransko (kick)
AG - Jesso (5 run) Smearcheck (kick)
AG – Kopas (8 pass from Peebles) Smearcheck (kick)
Ringgold – McPherson (32 pass from Burnisky) Fransko (kick)
Ringgold – Cook (fumble recovery) Fransko (kick)
AG – Peebles (1 run) Smearcheck (kick)
AG – Dotson (7 pass from Peebles) Smearcheck (kick)
Ringgold – McPherson 920 pass from Patch) Fransko (kick).

Geibel 27, Bentworth 21

Bentworth	7	7	0	7	- 21
Geibel	7	0	7	13	- 27

Geibel – Caldwell (2 run) Kovalchuck (kick)
Bentworth – Early (9 run) Malarbi (kick)
Bentworth – Zahaley (8 run) Malarbi (kick)
Geibel – Henckel (4 pass from Erdely) Kovalchuik (kick)
Geibel – Caldwell (30 run) Kovalchuk (kick)
Geibel - Caldwell (25 pass from Erdely)
Bentworth – Hansel (38 pass from Gregg) Malarbi (kick)

Frazier 34, Mapletown 14

Frazier	0	13	8	13	- 34
Mapletown	6	8	0	0	- 14

Maple – Porterfield (4 pass from Minnick)
Frazier – Kirmeyer (6 run) Rodriguez (kick)
Maple – Porterfield (17 pass from Minnick) Clites (pass from Minnick)
Frazier – Holt (& pass from (Kline)
Frazier – Thompson (27 pass from Kline) Holt (pass from Kline)
Frazier – Kline (5 run) Rodriguez (kick)
Frazier – Vargo (10 run).

Chartiers Valley 54, Yough 0

Char Valley	13	28	6	7	- 54
Yough	0	0	0	0	- 0

CV – Carson (70 pass from Capers)
CV – Capers (1 run) pacella (kick)
CV – Carson (8 pass from Capers) Pacella (kick)
CV – Capers (17 run) pacella (kick)
CV - Carson (57 pass from Capers) Pacella (kick)
CV – Muluihel (37 interception return) pacella (kick)
CV – Carson (16 run)
CV – Gillen (21 run) Pacella (kick)

Serra 45, California 13

California	6	0	7	0	- 13
Serra	21	0	17	7	- 45

Cal – Martinak (45 run)
Serra – Heatherington (61 run) Servich (kick)
Serra – Coleman (94 kickoff return) Servich (kick)
Serra – Ramos (21 pass from Heatherington) Servich (kick)
Serra – Gwosden (27 field goal)
Serra – Heatherington (35 run) Servich (kick)
Cal – Martinak (89 kickoff return) Wohar (kick)
Serra – McFarland (21 pass from Heatherington) Servich (kick)
Serra – McFarland (11 run) Servich (kick)

Latest Line

BEST BET: Air Force is 10-1 vs. the spread its last 11 games as a non-conference road underdog and 28-11-1 vs. the spread its last 40 games in the month of September. Minnesota is 3-7 vs. the spread its last 10 games as the betting favorite. The Gophers are 4-21-1 vs. the spread as a favorite when allowing 200 or more rushing yards. Take Air Force +3 for another Best Bet winner. Other plays include Duke +1 over Army, Tennessee -10 vs. Ucla, Oregon -12 vs. Purdue, and Missouri -19 1/2 vs. Bowling Green.

NFL

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
Sunday, Sept 13		
ATLANTA	4 (43)	Miami
BALTIMORE	12 1/2 (36)	Kansas City
Philadelphia	2 1/2 (43)	CAROLINA
CINCINNATI	4 1/2 (43)	Denver
Minnesota	3 1/2 (40)	CLEVELAND
HOUSTON	4 1/2 (44)	NY Jets
INDIANAPOLIS	7 (45)	Jacksonville
N. ORLEANS	13 (49)	Detroit
Dallas	5 1/2 (39)	TAMPA BAY
ARIZONA	6 1/2 (46)	San Fran
NY GIANTS	6 1/2 (37)	Washington
SEATTLE	7 1/2 (41)	St. Louis
GREEN BAY	3 1/2 (46)	Chicago
Monday, Sept 14		
N. ENGLAND	11 (47)	Buffalo
San Diego	9 1/2 (43)	OAKLAND

College Football

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
N, Carolina	5	CONNECTICUT
W. VIRGINIA	6	East Carolina
PENN STATE	28 1/2	Syracuse
VA TECH	19	Marshall
MICHIGAN ST	14 1/2	C. Michigan
N'WESTERN	20 1/2	E. Michigan
Iowa	6	IOWA ST
AUBURN	14 1/2	Mississippi St
ARMY	1	Duke
WISCONSIN	8 1/2	Fresno St
WAKE FOREST	3	Stanford
GEORGIA	7	South Carolina
TENNESSEE	10	Ucla
Byu	18	TULANE
OREGON	12	Purdue
Texas	32	WYOMING
NAVY	7 1/2	Louisiana Tech
Notre Dame	3	MICHIGAN
WASHINGTON	20 1/2	Idaho
ALA-BIRM.	11 1/2	Smu
Pittsburgh	10 1/2	BUFFALO
Tcu	11	VIRGINIA
BOSTON COLL.	21	Kent St
TEXAS TECH	27 1/2	Rice
MINNESOTA	3	Air Force
a-Hawaii	2 1/2	WASHINGTON ST
INDIANA	1	W. Michigan
MISSOURI	19	Bowling Green
Kansas	13	TEXAS EL PASO
OKLA ST	15 1/2	Houston
BOISE ST	37	Miami-Ohio
LSU	14 1/2	Vanderbilt
Tulsa	18	NEW MEXICO
Southern Cal	7	OHIO ST
Utah	13 1/2	San Jose St
Oregon St	7	UNLV
NEBRASKA	22	Arkansas St
ALABAMA	34	Fla International
South Florida	24 1/2	W. KENTUCKY
FLORIDA	36 1/2	Troy
Ohio	2 1/2	NORTH TEXAS
MID TENN ST	1	Memphis
Kansas St	7	UL-LAFAYETTE

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Baseball

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
National League		
CHICAGO	7 1/2-8 1/2	Cincinnati
PHILADELPHIA	9-10	NY Mets
ST. LOUIS	Even-6	Atlanta
FLORIDA	9 1/2-10 1/2	Wash.
HOUSTON	5 1/2-6 1/2	Pittsburgh
ARIZONA	Even-6	Milwaukee
SAN FRAN	Even-6	LA Dodgers
SAN DIEGO	Even-6	Colorado
American League		
NY YANKEES	14-16	Baltimore
MINNESOTA	Even-6	Oakland
LA ANGELS	5 1/2-6 1/2	Chicago
DETROIT	8 1/2-9 1/2	Toronto
CLEVELAND	6-7	Kansas City
BOSTON	9 1/2-10 1/2	T. Bay
TEXAS	6 1/2-7 1/2	Seattle

Bowling

Charleroi Lanes

New Eagle LeagueStandings

Charleroi Lanes, 17-4; Cindy's Catering, 16-7; Hoot Owls, 15-7; Hill Top Bar, 12-10; Yocolano Distributing, 11-11; A.T. Koury Roofing, 10-12; Bill Hermann's Landscaping, 8-14; Hey Andy, 3-19.

High game, series

Jim Ross, 205-575; Fred Crowling, 205-570; Ryan Lorenzi, 199-537; Dave Shaver, 196-521; Jack Bullock, 195-480; Kenny Louttit, 183-467; Mark Sutherland, 182-428; Bob Burket, 180-534; Ron Gray, 180-365; Dave Seward, 172-460.

High school football scores

Aliquippa 27, Ellwood City 7
Ambridge 16, Franklin Regional 13
Avonworth 34, Neshannock 19
Beaver 20, Elwood City 13
Beaver Falls 42, Freedom 13
Belle Vernon Area 49, Southmoreland 0
Bethel Park 25, Penn Hills 0
Blackhawk 35, Knoch 7
Burgettstown 7, Beth-Center 6
Burrell 42, Deer Lakes 6
Carrick 20, Allderdice 14
Center 30, Moon 7
Central Catholic 21, Canon-McMillan 7
Charleroi 41, East Allegheny 8
Chartiers Valley 54, Yough 0
Chartiers-Houston 35, Carmichaels 21
Elizabeth Forward 26, Laurel Highlands 7
Ford City 48, West Shamokin 0
Fort Cherry 47, West Greene 6
Fox Chapel 14, Latrobe 7
Frazier 34, Mapletown 14
Gateway 43, Baldwin 7
Geibel 28, Bentworth 21
Greensburg Salem 10, Trinity 7
Hopewell 47, Mars 22
Jeanette 35, Brownsville 7
Jefferson-Morgan 42, Avella 6
Keystone Oaks 26, South Park 0
Kittanning 7, Valley 6
Laurel 28, North Catholic 7
McGuffey 6, Greensburg Central 0
Mohawk 21, New Brighton 15, OT
Monaca 25, Carlynton 12
Montour 27, Highlands 0
Mt. Pleasant 28, Washington 15
New Castle 35, Indiana 16
North Allegheny 28, Mt. Lebanon 7
North Hills 28, Penn-Trafford 7
Norwin 24, Butler 21
Oliver 24, Westinghouse 8
Richland 35, Bedford 0
Ringgold 31, Albert Gallatin 28
Serra 45, California 13
Seton-LaSalle 42, Cornell 25
Shady Side Academy 20, Freeport 14
Shaler 20, Hempfield Area 6
Shenango 41, Leechburg 6
South Fayette 41, Quaker Valley 12
Springdale 21, Western Beaver 6
Steel Valley 47, Northgate 19
Sto-Rox 36, Canevin 27
Thomas Jefferson 34, Uniontown 19
Union 26, Wilkinsburg 0
Upper St. Clair 43, Pine-Richland 14
Waynesburg 27, South Allegheny 7
West Allegheny 26, Hampton 7
West Mifflin 30, Derry 20
Woodland Hills 37, Connellsville 0

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Purchased the contract of C Eric Munson from Sacramento (PCL). Transferred LHP Dallas Braden to the 60-day DL.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Re-signed F Steve Novak.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Signed G Ramon Sessions to a four-year contract.

COLLEGE

KANSAS STATE—Agrred to terms with football coach Bill Snyder on a five-year contract.
OKLAHOMA STATE—Signed men's basketball coach Travis Ford to a four-year contract extension through the 2018-19 season.

NFL schedule

Sunday's Games

Miami at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Houston, 1 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Denver at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 4:15 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

Monday's Games

Buffalo at New England, 7 p.m.
San Diego at Oakland, 10:15 p.m.

WNBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Indiana	22	11	.667	—
x-Atlanta	18	15	.545	4
Detroit	17	16	.515	5
Chicago	16	17	.485	6
Washington	15	17	.469	6 1/2
Connecticut	15	18	.455	7
New York	12	21	.364	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Phoenix	23	10	.697	—
x-Seattle	19	14	.576	4
x-Los Angeles	16	16	.500	6 1/2
San Antonio	15	18	.455	8
Minnesota	14	18	.438	8 1/2
Sacramento	11	22	.333	12

Friday's Games

Atlanta 88, Connecticut 64
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Seattle at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

Berkman, Lee homer as Astros rout Bucs

Six-run seventh inning decides game.

By CHRIS DUNCAN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros finally got an easy win after six close games in a row.

Carlos Lee hit a three-run homer, Lance Berkman added a solo shot and the Astros beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 9-1 on Friday night.

Kaz Matsui drove in two runs and Bud Norris struck out seven in six innings for the Astros, who've won 11 of their last 15 home games.

Houston's previous six games had been decided by margins of two runs or less, but the Astros blew this one open with a six-run seventh, capped by Lee's 24th homer.

"I don't remember too many times in recent memory that we felt really comfortable going into the eighth or ninth innings," Berkman said. "That's always nice to play games like that."

Norris (5-3) allowed six hits and won for the second straight time after three consecutive losses. The 24-year-old right-hander has earned a decision in each of his starts since the Astros purchased his minor-league contract on July 29.

"You've just got to trust yourself," Norris said. "The first three (starts), it was more adrenalin. The next three, I was kind of timid to a certain extent. But these last couple, I've really felt like myself again, just playing the game."

Andy LaRoche hit a solo homer for the Pirates, who've lost 12 straight road games and 13 of 14 overall.

The Astros led 3-1 when they loaded the bases in the seventh against Joel Hanrahan. Jesse Chavez relieved and with Michael Bourn batting, a pitch bounced away from catcher Ryan Doumit and Hunter Pence broke for home.

Pence stopped halfway down the line, Doumit threw to LaRoche and the Pirates seemed to have Pence caught in a rundown. But LaRoche's return throw skipped off Doumit's mitt and Pence scored. Doumit was charged with an error.

"It happened so fast," Doumit said. "I should've caught the ball, plain and simple. He threw it and I should've caught it."

Bourn drove in a run with a sacrifice fly and Matsui added an RBI double to make it 6-1. Chavez intentionally walked Berkman before Lee drove a 1-2 pitch into the balcony in left center.

"That's kind of how you draw it up," Berkman said, "get a good strong start and score a bunch of runs. It's a good formula. We haven't had too many like this."

The Astros improved to 41-32 at Minute Maid Park, securing a winning home record for the ninth straight season.

Rain delays U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Rafael Nadal stepped out of the players' cafeteria at the U.S. Open a little before 3 p.m. Friday and pressed his face against a window, cupping his hands around his eyes as he scanned the soaked tournament grounds.

Yep, it was still pouring.

And he, like everyone else, was still waiting.

Rain threw the U.S. Open into disarray for the second consecutive year, meaning both singles finals will be pushed back again, and the tournament will end Monday at the earliest.

"There are some unknowns here," U.S. Tennis Association spokesman Chris Widmaier said.

A mix of showers and mist forced postponement of all of Friday's three scheduled singles matches. That included six-time major champion Nadal's quarterfinal against No. 11-seeded Fernando Gonzalez, a match already suspended Thursday night because of showers after Nadal won the first set in a tiebreaker and led 3-2 in the second-set tiebreaker.

Also delayed: The two women's semifinals, one between defending champion Serena Williams and 2005 champion Kim Clijsters, the other between a pair of 19-year-olds never before this far at a Grand Slam tournament, Caroline Wozniacki and Yanina Wickmayer.

SPORTS

Bill HUGHES

Batista returning Monday

WWE superstar Batista returns to the ring from an arm injury Monday and will give Raw a much-needed fresh face.

Considering how the WWE insists on having Randy Orton, John Cena, Triple H or a combination of the three in almost all of their title matches, Batista's return will move guys in new directions.

Then again, when healthy, Batista is almost always in title matches as well.

Breaking Point tomorrow

The WWE debuts a new PPV Sunday with "Breaking Point."

The main matches on the card will all have some form of submission finishes.

The Undertaker challenges CM Punk for the World title in a submission match and Randy Orton defends the WWE title against John Cena in a "I Quit" match.

Several people have e-mailed me about whether the Undertaker has ever submitted. While he has never lost a match via submission, he did tap out once in a bout against Kurt Angle as Angle's shoulders were pinned on the mat.

The official ruling of the match was a draw.

The WWE faces still PPV competition this weekend as both the UFC card and the Floyd Mayweather card take place tonight. It will be interesting to see how low of a buy rate "Breaking Point" generates for the WWE.

Mayweather will sell the most buys and UFC will have a big number as well. Look for the WWE to finish a distant third.

WWE changes 'Rumble' date

The WWE has moved the date of the "Royal Rumble" back a week from Jan. 24 to 31.

This is a smart move by the WWE as the AFC Championship game is scheduled on the 24th and the Rumble's buy rate would have taken a major hit, as it did in 2003.

The date was changed earlier this week when it was announced that the starting times for the NFC and AFC Championships were 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively.

Kennedy, Umaga free to sign

Ken Anderson (Mr. Kennedy) and Umaga are now free to sign and wrestle for any company in the world. Their 90-day no-compete clause with the WWE ended this past week.

It is assumed that Anderson will be going to TNA, while it is not known as of yet Umaga's intentions.

Both were surprising releases in June. While Umaga has not been heard from, Anderson has been airing weekly videos on his Web site.

This week's question

Do you think that Bret "Hit Man" Hart will ever return to WWE television? — Mark, Centerville.

While I would never say never, I do not see Hart returning to the WWE in a regular capacity. Considering his nephew, David Hart-Smith, niece Natalya Neidhart, and Neidhart's fiance T.J. Kidd are in the WWE, I could see Hart making an appearance in their corner to help them receive the boost from his popularity.

Then again, knowing Hart's ego, he probably won't even allow his family members to get a rub from his popularity.

E-mail questions/comments to powerhousehughes@hotmail.com.

Steelers suffer major loss

Adjustments needed after Troy Polamalu's MCL injury.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — The Steelers got by for one night, barely, without a running game. What could be more difficult: getting by the first half of the season without All-Pro safety Troy Polamalu.

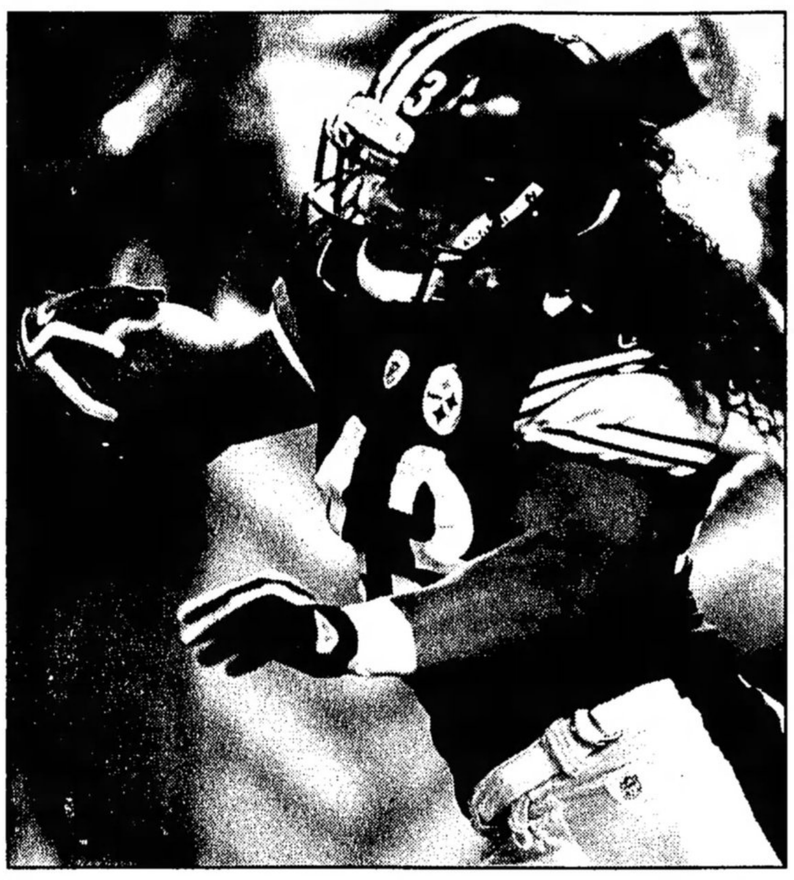
Polamalu, a game-changing talent who might be one of the NFL's most irreplaceable players, sprained the medial collateral ligament in his left knee during a blocked field goal in Pittsburgh's 13-10 overtime victory over Tennessee on Thursday night.

Even before Polamalu underwent more tests Friday to further evaluate the injury — a sprain is a tear in the ligament — Steelers coach Mike Tomlin estimated he would be out from three to six weeks. Players have returned from such an injury within a month, but not often.

After winning their seventh consecutive opener, the players were given the weekend off and they won't practice again until Monday. The team may not offer an injury update on Polamalu until then.

As the Steelers learned immediately after the Titans' Alge Crumpler fell on Polamalu's knee as it was bent at an awkward angle, not having Polamalu for three to six plays is difficult enough.

"Troy is one in a million," defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau said. "We'll play well without him, but you don't replace Troy."



Troy Polamalu

While linebacker James Harrison was the Defensive Player of the Year last season, Polamalu gives the Steelers' top-ranked defense its uniqueness. He lines up everywhere from the line of scrimmage to the deep secondary, blitzing on one play and dropping into coverage the next, and is the key element of the Steelers' varied and numerous zone blitzes.

Polamalu was the best player on the field before he was hurt, making six tackles, a one-handed interception of a Kerry Collins pass — with his left hand — and dropping Chris Johnson for a 2-yard loss on a third-down blitz, all in less than a half. Polamalu's repeated big plays helped keep the game close even as the Steelers were rushing for only 36 yards on 23 carries.

"He definitely was everywhere," linebacker LaMarr Woodley said.

To the Steelers, losing Polamalu on defense for an extended period might be the equivalent of the Patriots losing Tom Brady on offense. Brady injured a knee in the opener last season and the Patriots didn't make the playoffs despite going 11-5.

"It's definitely going to be difficult without him, he's one of the best players in the league," safety Ryan Clark said. "Preferably, we get him back as soon as possible."

Immediately after Polamalu was hurt, Collins drove the Titans three plays for their only touchdown, hitting rookie Kenny Britt for 57 yards with no defender in sight, and an equally wide-open Justin Gage on a 14-yard touchdown play.

Without Polamalu, it was obvious there was confusion in the secondary. The Steelers had only 10 defenders on the field on one play — and, without their playmaker, it may have seemed like they had fewer than that.

"At first, I don't think we did too well," Harrison said. "The communication wasn't there. We came back in and did some adjustments and went back out and did all right."

With Tyrone Carter mostly filling in for Polamalu, the Steelers held Tennessee to only a field goal during the second half and overtime. However, a defense that held opponents to a league-leading average of 156.9 yards passing last season allowed 234 to the Titans, even though Collins had only four games of 200 yards or more last season.

"You've got to look at it as you've got to do your job. I think we kind of got out of that mode once he went down," Clark said. "Coach LeBeau comes in (at halftime) and tells us, 'Troy's not coming back out, but we've got what it takes to win this game.' We were able to do it."

The Steelers (1-0) won't have Polamalu for two important upcoming games, Sept. 20 at Chicago and Oct. 4 at home against San Diego, which Pittsburgh beat in the playoffs last season.

"The defense changes a lot (without Polamalu)," Woodley said. "Troy is a real big part of our defense. But you can't worry about injured guys — the next guy that goes in there is going to be representing the Pittsburgh Steelers, and we continue to move on. Troy's not here next week, (so) we've just got to count on the guy and believe in the guy who's coming in for him."

Big ratings for Steelers, Titans

NEW YORK (AP) — Pittsburgh's 13-10 overtime victory against Tennessee on Thursday night drew the biggest TV audience for the NFL's season opener in seven years.

The game, televised on NBC, scored a 13.8 overnight rating and a 23 share, beating the 2003 mark of 14.5 and equaling the share, according to Nielsen Media Research.

Those numbers were up 37 percent from the 2008 opener (Giants-Redskins, 10.1/17), which started early to allow coverage of the Republican Convention, and up 6 percent from 2007 (Colts-Saints, 13.0/21).

Penn State to pressure Paulus

Ex-Duke basketball player now quarterbacks Syracuse.

By GENARO C. ARMAS
AP Sports Writer

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Greg Paulus broke his share of fullcourt presses and halfcourt traps when he played basketball at Duke.

He never encountered a pressure defense like the one he'll face today in Happy Valley.

Sidestepping No. 7 Penn State's athletic defenders before 100,000-plus fans at Beaver Stadium will be the most daunting football challenge yet for the former point guard-turned Orange quarterback.

Paulus seems up for the task. He didn't seem to notice the boos and taunts as a Blue Devil playing at hostile road venues such as North Carolina and Maryland.

"That type of environment helps kind of settle you down a little bit. It's about maintaining what's in the game plan," Paulus said. "It's about keeping the crowd out of it, making sure you and the guys are thinking about what you need to do."

Penn State (1-0) is Syracuse's most-played rival, with the series dating back to 1922. The two teams played last year at the Carrier Dome — a 55-13 rout by Penn State — but hadn't squared off before that since 1990.

There are no plans to renew the series soon, so Saturday will probably be the last meeting for a while. The Nittany Lions have dominated the Orange since Joe Paterno took over as head coach in 1966, going 22-4.

What rebuilding Syracuse (0-1) must do to have any chance of breaking through this year is protect Paulus from the Nittany Lions' front four.

Paulus showed a knack for scrambling when he got into trouble during last week's season-opening loss to Minnesota.

Going 19 for 21 for 167 yards passing and one touchdown, Paulus played well for someone who hadn't been involved in competitive football since he was national high school player of the year in 2004.

"I think he's obviously an awfully good athlete. He's not quite as comfortable in the pocket, and you would expect him not to be. He hasn't been there for a while," Paterno said. "So he scrambles a little more than probably they want him to, but he'll get better."

It was in the second half against Minnesota that Paulus' performance slipped, including an interception in the end zone in overtime that allowed the Golden Gophers to win on a field goal.

Penn State may be more unforgiving on both sides of the ball.

QB Daryll Clark leading a potentially explosive offense that scored all 31 of its points before halftime in the season-opening victory over Akron.

The defense can wreak havoc without blitzing, with monstrous 6-foot-5 defensive tackle Jared Odrick leading the push up front and Sean Lee calling the shots at linebacker.

Paulus has a nice target in receiver Mike Williams, who has caught touchdowns in a school-record 10 straight games, the longest active streak in the FBS. Penn State's revamped secondary, which features four new starters, would like that run to end in Happy Valley.

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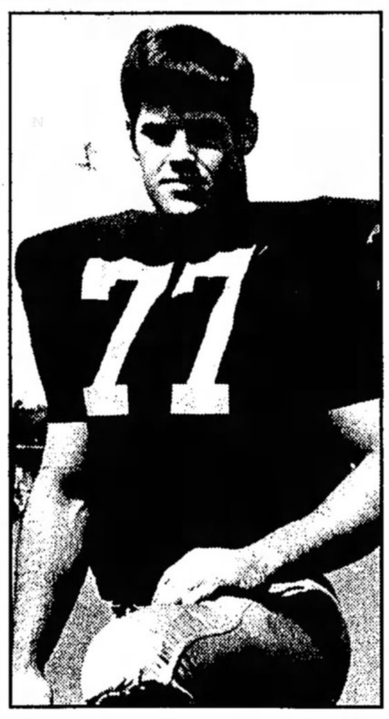

Mon Valley Catholic High's Dave Papak was a Navy defensive tackle in 1974.

Air Jordan reaches new heights with Hall

Robinson, Stockton, Sloan, Stringer also inducted.

By BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Michael Jordan, maybe the greatest of them all, has taken his place alongside basketball's other greats.

And he never forgot anyone who motivated him to get there.

Jordan was enshrined in the Hall of Fame on Friday night, a final honor that followed all the championship rings and MVP trophies he collected during his career.

From the high school coach who cut him to the last player to defend him in the NBA finals, Jordan remembered everyone who did something to bring out the competitiveness that carried him to the top of basketball.

"I'd do anything to win," he said.

He joined David Robinson and John Stockton, a pair of his 1992 Dream Team teammates, and coaches Jerry Sloan and C. Vivian Stringer in a distinguished class. Jordan insisted during a morning press conference that the weekend wasn't just about him, but he was clearly the star Friday night before a crowd that included former teammates Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman.

"He makes one big shot and everybody thinks he's kind of cool," Stockton joked. "I don't get it."

Jordan

Jordan cried before beginning his acceptance speech, then entertained the crowd with memories of any slights that inspired him to get to Springfield:

■ The coach who cut him from the varsity as a North Carolina schoolboy.

"I wanted to make sure you understood: You made a mistake, dude."

■ Isiah Thomas, who allegedly orchestrated a "freezeout" of Jordan in his first All-Star game.

"I wanted to prove to you, Magic (Johnson), Larry (Bird), George (Gervin), everybody that I deserved (to be there) just as much as anybody else, and I hope over the period of my career I've done that without a doubt."

■ Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy, who accused Jordan of "conning" players by acting friendly toward them, then attacking them in games.

"I just so happen to be a friendly guy. I get along with everybody, but at the same time, when the light comes on, I'm as competitive as anybody you know."

■ The media who said Jordan, though a great player, would never win like Bird or Johnson.

"I had to listen to all that, and that put so much wood on that fire that it kept me each and every day trying to get better as a basketball player."

■ Lastly, Utah's Bryon Russell. Jordan recalled meeting Russell while he was retired and playing minor league baseball in 1994 — and with Sloan looking on in horror — told of how Russell insisted he could have covered him if Jordan was still playing. Russell later got two cracks at Jordan in the NBA finals, and he was the defender when Jordan hit the clinching shot to win the 1998 title.

"From this day forward, if I ever see him in shorts, I'm coming at him."

Robinson was enshrined first on Friday before a large San Antonio contingent that included teammates Tim Duncan and Avery Johnson, and coaches Larry Brown and Gregg Popovich. Stockton told the Spurs that his running mate, Karl Malone, was the best power forward, not Duncan.

The enshrinement ceremony took place at Springfield's Symphony Hall, because Jordan was too big for the Hall of Fame. The move to the other building allowed for a crowd of about 2,600, more than double what the Hall can accommodate.

Most of the attention was on Jordan, the five-time NBA MVP, but the others in the class are some of the most accomplished in the sport. Stockton is the career leader in assists and steals, Robinson won an MVP trophy and two titles in San Antonio, Sloan is the only coach to win 1,000 games with one team, and Stringer was the first woman's coach to lead three different schools to the Final Four.

"Unique, unique competitors," Stockton said during the morning press conference.

Fiery ones, too. Sloan, Stockton's longtime coach, told two different tales of fights he was in as a hard-nosed player for Chicago.

Jordan remembered scoring around 20 points in a row late in a game to pull out a win, which was followed by a conversation with Bulls assistant Tex Winter.

"Tex reminded me that there's no 'I' in team," Jordan said. "And I looked back at Tex, I said, 'There's 'I' in win.' So whichever way you want it."

Jordan and Robinson were All-American college players who entered the NBA with high expectations. Sloan acknowledged he wasn't so sure about Stockton at first — and turns out, neither was Stockton.

FEATURES

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Broad Avenue to close in N. Belle Vernon on Monday

Broad Avenue in North Belle Vernon will be completely closed to all traffic on Monday from Short Street to Fayette Street. No vehicle traffic whatsoever will be permitted.

Belle Vernon church offers free food, fellowship Tuesday

The First Presbyterian Church, 501 Fayette Ave., Belle Vernon, will serve a free Food and Fellowship lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday. The menu will include chicken parmesan, buttered noodles, vegetable, salad, rolls, dessert and beverage.

Monessen agency to meet in new office complex

The Monessen Redevelopment Authority meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15 will be held at the new office, 1743 Grand Blvd., Monessen.

SOAR members to meet Wednesday in Allenport

SOAR members will meet 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Allenport fire hall.

Historical society to unveil new exhibit for autumn

The Greater Monessen Historical Society's autumn exhibit will honor the sacrifices of the Mon Valley veterans in all the service branches and run from October through December. Veterans are asked to loan or donate photographs showcasing the military life and wartime activities, as well as letters, medals, albums and other militaria for display. The museum will accept items 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. For information or to schedule a different delivery time, call (724) 684-8460. The society is also seeking guest hosts to be available during the exhibit to answer questions or share wartime stories with visitors.

Local Air Force Association plans Wednesday meeting

The Joe Walker-Mon Valley Chapter of the Air Force Association will hold its monthly dinner meeting 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Alpine Club. The swearing in of new officers will take place. For information, call Jim Cain at (724) 684-3214 or Dave DuBarr at (724) 483-0408.

Mon Valley Sewage Authority schedules Thursday meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Mon Valley Sewage Authority will be held 7 p.m. Thursday at the office of the authority, 20 Washington St., MIDA Industrial Park, Donora.

Monessen Amateur Radio Club schedules monthly meeting

The monthly meeting of the Monessen Amateur Radio Club will be held 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Mon Valley Community Health Center, fourth floor. The group is a non-profit organization that provides free radio service to surrounding communities. For license testing, contact Bill at (412) 751-4373.

Bereavement support group planning to meet Thursday

The Take My Hand Bereavement Support Group will resume monthly meetings 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Monongahela Area Library, 813 West Main St. Please use the rear entrance by the railroad tracks. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one and needs comfort and support. For information, call Maureen Lusk at (724) 258-8885.

Local literacy council plans open house for Thursday

The Washington County Literacy Council will welcome the community to an open house 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at its new location, 27 S. College St., Washington. The council is a local nonprofit dedicated to promoting the literacy of non-reading adults by using trained tutors and generating public awareness and support.

Bentleyville Public Library accepting books to sell

The Bentleyville Public Library is accepting donations of books for its September sale, which will be held Sept. 17, 18, and 19. For information, call the library at (724) 239-5122.

The library's book club will meet 6 p.m. Thursday to discuss Holy Terrors by Mary Daheim. New members are welcome.

Local borough association schedules Cokeburg meeting

The September meeting of the Tri County Borough Association will take place 7 p.m. Thursday at the CFU Lodge 354, Croatian Home, 26 Grant St., Cokeburg.

California church plans to sponsor rummage sale

A rummage sale will be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 17 and 18 and 9 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 19 at the United Christian Church, Malden Crossroads, California. For information, call (724) 938-2098.

Donora Library schedules story time for children

The Donora Public Library will have story time for 3-5 year olds 1 to 1:45 p.m. Sept. 25 in the library. Space is limited; sign up early.

Rehoboth Nursery School has afternoon openings

Rehoboth Nursery School has openings for its afternoon class for 4 and 5-year-olds. Call Carolyn at (724) 872-8833.

CALENDAR WATCH

Sunday

■ Grocery bingo resumes, Holy Ghost Social Center, Ninth Street and Meadow Avenue, Charleroi, 1:30 p.m.

■ West Newton Community Festival, West Newton Vine Street Park area, Vine, Fourth and Fifth streets, noon to 6 p.m.

■ Hazel's Corner IV rummage and bake sale, West Newton United Presbyterian Church, Third and Main streets, noon to 4 p.m.

■ "Back to Church Sunday," Bible Fellowship Community Church, West Newton, 10 a.m.

■ Croatian Day picnic, Cokeburg Community Park, 11 a.m.

■ Rostraver West Newton Emergency Services Inc. conducts car seat safety checks, West Newton Vine Street Park area, noon to 2:30 p.m.

■ Fall festival, Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Rostraver Township, 1 to 5 p.m.

■ Spaghetti dinner, Holy Family Parish, Second Avenue, West Newton, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Super Car Cruise in the Park, Monessen City Park, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain date Sept. 19).

■ Ham dinner, St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, Perryopolis, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ "Kick off Sunday," pot luck lunch following 9:30 a.m. service.

■ Law Enforcement Sunday, Covenant Christian Church, First and Main streets, Belle Vernon, 10:15 a.m.

Monday

■ Showboat practice, Monongahela Senior Center, 6 p.m.

■ VFW Post 1409, Monongahela, meeting, 7:30 p.m.

■ Westmoreland Community Action's Monessen Circles sponsors "Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting'-By World" workshop, Dudas Building, Sixth Street, 5:30 p.m.

■ Altar Rosary/Christian Mothers of St. Anthony Church, Monongahela, meeting, following Rosaries and Mass in the chapel.

■ Oldies dance, Royal Place Restaurant, 2660 Library Road, Route 88, Pittsburgh, 8 to 11:30 p.m.

■ Donora Historical Society meeting, Calvary United Presbyterian church, 7 p.m.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Rostraver Township, 10:30 a.m.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: J equals D

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Shoplifting suspect abandons son

A Hempfield woman is accused of abandoning her 9-year-old son inside a Walmart in Hempfield Township as security personnel attempted to question her about allegedly using the boy to help steal $110 worth of clothes.

Katalina Z. Pulinka, 32, of 154 W. Hills Drive, Apt. 13, allegedly left the boy behind and drove away from the store without buckling her 3-year-old daughter into a safety seat.

She was arraigned this week on charges of corruption of minors, endangering the welfare of children, retail theft and failing to properly use child-restraint systems.

Hempfield District Judge Mark Mansour committed her to the Westmoreland County Prison in lieu of $25,000 bond.

Trooper Paul Brigode reported in an affidavit of probable cause that Pulinka entered the store at 1:51 p.m. on Aug. 30 with her children. Security workers recognized Pulinka from a previous retail theft and began monitoring her, police said.

Pulinka later contacted her parents to pick up her son at the store, police said.

Her preliminary hearing will be held Friday. Children and Youth Services was called in to assist Pulinka's children.

Healing service set in Donora

A healing and praise service will take place 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. tonight and Sunday at the Donora Senior Center. The Rev. Greg Ellis of Somerset, Ky., will lead the free service.

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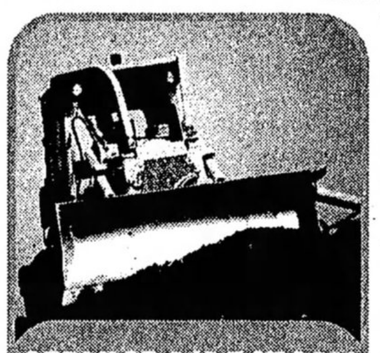

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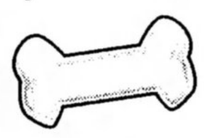

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VIRGO **(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Be cognizant of the fact that the very things that arouse your enthusiasm might not have the same effect upon your friends. Don't get angry or think less of them. They have their own desires.

LIBRA **(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Even if you find the conditions more challenging than usual at this time, when properly motivated, the possibilities for finishing what you started are excellent. Do what you love best.

SCORPIO **(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Don't be timid when it comes to situations that require bold measures because you're up to handling things. This is true even if it is necessary to take a calculated risk in order to advance your interests.

SAGITTARIUS **(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- You're in a vigorous cycle for generating income from unusual places and sources. When given a chance to work for something beyond your usual means, you'll do extremely well.

CAPRICORN **(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Regardless of how independent or self-sufficient you are, cooperation might be required in order to be a big producer. However, it's important to work in close harmony with everyone involved.

AQUARIUS **(Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Devote quality time and effort to some top-priority assignments if you want to have a productive day. You'll handle even the tough jobs beautifully.

PISCES **(Feb. 20-March 20)** -- A departure from your regular routines could be more invigorating and uplifting than you might think. If this means devoting time to fun activities, do it.

ARIES **(March 21-April 19)** -- Be a go-getter because it's an extremely favorable day to get what you want and to complete tough jobs to your satisfaction. Things should work out.

TAURUS **(April 20-May 20)** -- You may be a person of few words at times, but not right now. There will be no mincing of messages, and you are likely to tell offenders exactly what you think and how you feel.

GEMINI **(May 21-June 20)** -- Should you appear to place too much emphasis on things of a material nature when dealing with friends, you'll come off looking more concerned about your interests than theirs.

CANCER **(June 21-July 22)** -- Watch yourself because if things don't go your way, you could easily overreact in an unbecoming manner. Think before you speak. You don't want to make a poor impression.

LEO **(July 23-Aug. 22)** -- If you keep running into someone who recently insulted you, find a way to bring the matter into the open. By letting it smolder, it could one day blow up in your face.

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RICHARD R. VICTORIA
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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BELLE VERNON, PA 15012
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9/5,12,19

2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Russell, Jack David
ESTATE NOTICE

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Executor
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Alan Benyak, Esquire
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9/12,19,26

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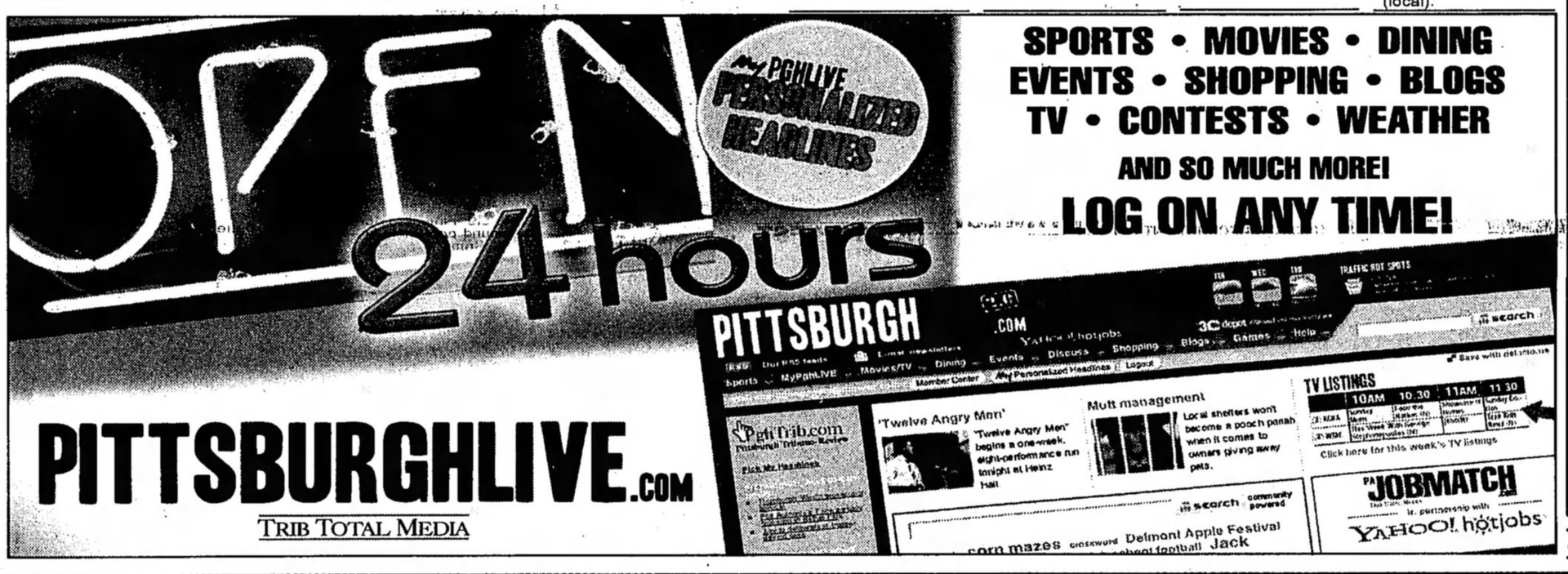

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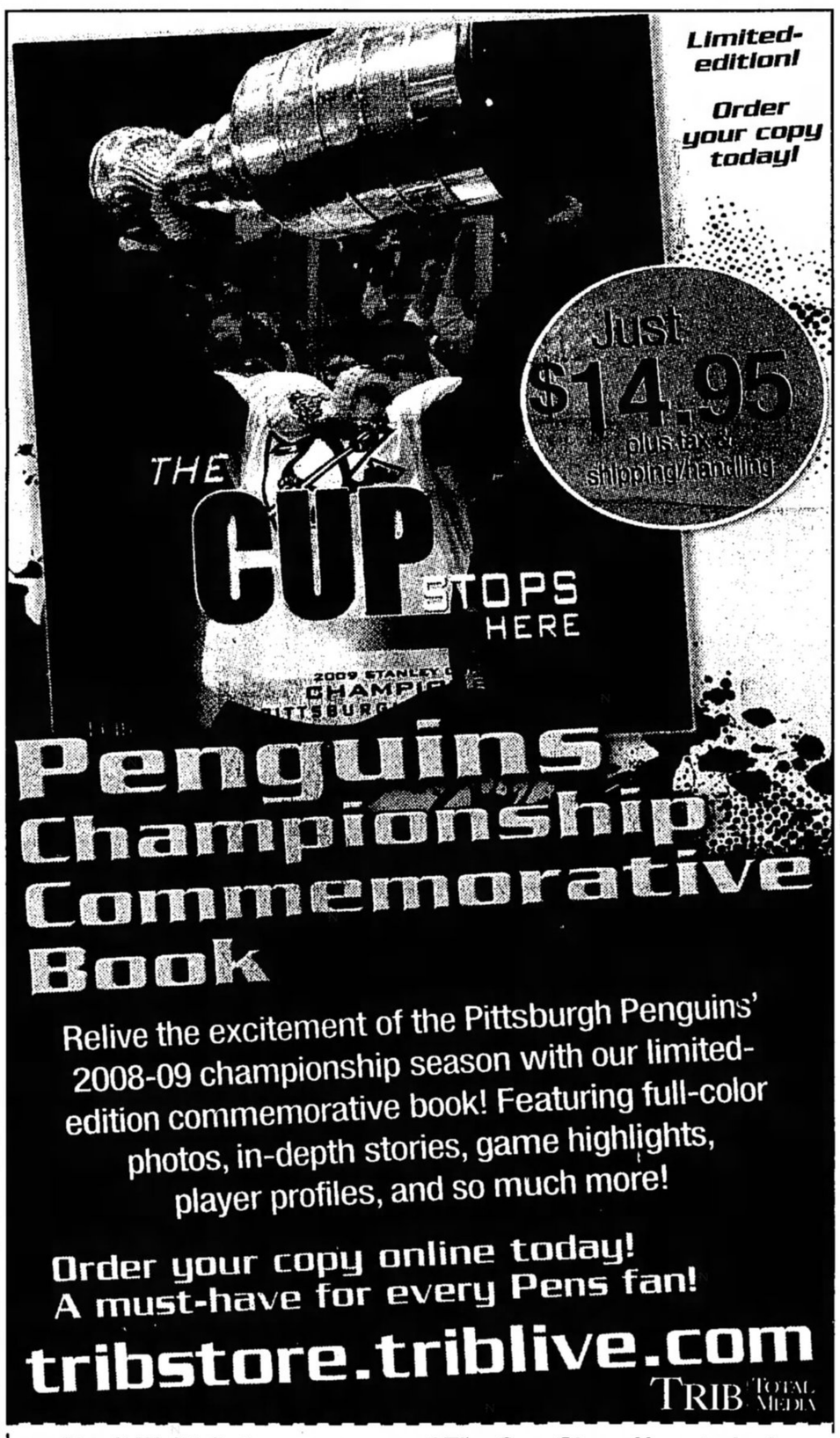
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